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EVANGELION

LEGEND OF THE PIKO PIKO
MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

VOLUME 1



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ABOUT THE
MYSTERIOUS,
GIGANTIC
LIFE FORMS
AGAINST
WHICH A
DECISIVE
BATTLE
AWAITED.



THIS IS A
STORY
ABOUT
THOSE
WHICH
WOULD
BEFORE
TOO LONG...
APPEAR
BEFORE
HUMANITY.

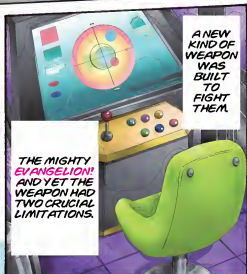
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IT COULD
ONLY BE
PILOTED
BY
MIDDLE
SCHOOL-
ERS.

TWO:
MIDDLE
SCHOOLERS
ONLY CARE
ABOUT
VIDEO
GAMES.



THE MIGHTY
EVANGELION!
AND YET THE
WEAPON HAD
TWO CRUCIAL
LIMITATIONS.

A NEW
KIND OF
WEAPON
WAS
BUILT
TO
FIGHT
THEM.



THROUGH THE
ESTABLISHMENT
OF A NEW KIND
OF TRAINING
INSTITUTE: THE
NATURWISSEN-
SCHAFTLICHE
ERSCHEIN-
UNGSBILD
VERFÄLSCHEN--
NERV!!



THUS
HUMANKIND'S
LAST CHANCE
DEPENDED
UPON TRYING
TO GET THE
PILOTS TO
SHOW SOME
KIND OF
INTEREST...

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THE CHOSEN
MIDDLE SCHOOLERS



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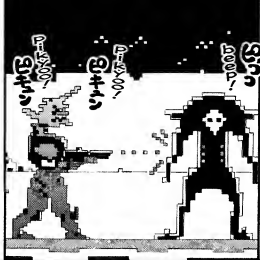
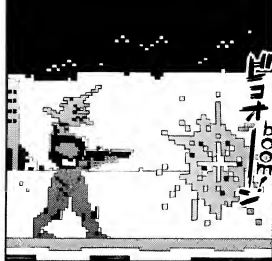
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...NO ONE KNOWS WHEN THEY WILL ACTUALLY ATTACK!

JEEZ, ASUKA, CALM DOWN, WILL YOU ...?
THE WHOLE POINT BEHIND MYSTERIOUS GIGANTIC LIFE FORMS IS...



don't
D-DON'T GIVE ME THAT "HMPH"! COME ON! I WANT ANSWERS !!

HMPH ...!



YOU'RE ONLY ALLOWED ONE F-WORD, AND YOU MAY NEED IT LATER.

DON'T BE A POTTY MOUTH, ASUKA. WE'RE TRYING TO KEEP THIS PG-13.

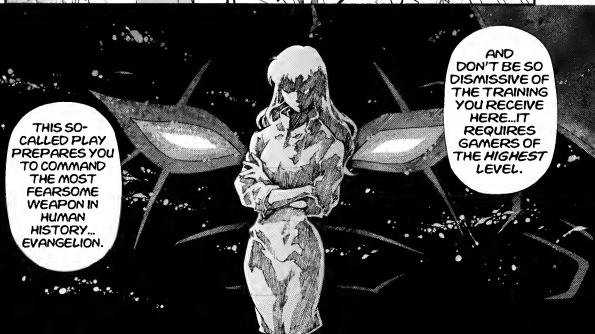


"F-WORDS" ?

NO! "ROBOT" !!!

YEAH! IT'S SCARY! AND D-DON'T SAY THAT WORD...I... I'M JUST NOT READY FOR IT!

shake
shake



THIS SO-CALLED PLAY PREPARES YOU TO COMMAND THE MOST FEARSOME WEAPON IN HUMAN HISTORY... EVANGELION.

AND DON'T BE SO DISMISSIVE OF THE TRAINING YOU RECEIVE HERE...IT REQUIRES GAMERS OF THE HIGHEST LEVEL.



MISATO'S
RIGHT, ASUKA...
I HAVE NO
FRIENDS
WHATSOEVER,
BUT HERE AT
NERV, I'M
HOPING I CAN
FIND SOME AT
LAST!

ASUKA...

...OH.

GIVE ME
A BREAK!
WHAT'S THE
CHANCE
YOU AND I
WOULD
EVER BE
FRIENDS...?

MAYBE
EVEN
ASUKA
COULD BE
MY FRIEND,
HUH...?

NO,
BUT
LESS IS A
DISTINCT
POSSIB-
ILITY!

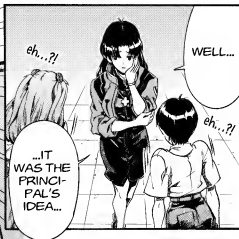
!!
+
shock!

OKAY. CAN
WE BE
MORE THAN
FRIENDS,
THEN...?

ANTI-
SOCIAL,
IDIOT,
COWARD...
THIS TEAM
IS GETTING
OFF TO A
GREAT
START!!!

I WAS
JUST
KIDDING...
HEH
HEH...

LOOK,
YOU'RE
BOTH
GOING TO
BE FAR
TOO BUSY
HERE FOR
ROMANCE.





DAD,
THAT'S
WHAT-
EVER'S
BEYOND
CREEPY
...!

THIS
MEANS
SOMETHING
GREAT WILL
HAPPEN TO
YOU. DID
YOU KNOW
THAT, REI
...?

...LOOK
AT WHAT
I GOT FOR
YOU, REI.
A FOUR-
LEAFED
CLOVER.



OH, GOD!
GROSS! I
ALWAYS
WISHED
HE'D PAY
ATTENTION
TO ME, BUT
NOW I TAKE
EVERYTHING
BACK!!!

SON,
MY
NAME
IS MR.
PRINCI-
PAL
...!!



WHO
THE HELL
ARE
YOU...?

DAD!
I'M
YOUR
SON!
SHINJI!



DON'T
USE
SUCH
BIG
WORDS.

...THE DUDE
DOESN'T
EVEN
CARE! DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT
THIS,
MISATO!!



...I FIND
YOUR
APPROACH
TO
EDUCATION
HIGHLY
PROBLEM-
ATIC!!!

PRINCI-
PAL
IKARI!
SPEAKING
AS A TOP
STUDENT
...



ドキ
キ
twitch
twitch

MISATO
....!!

...NO.

WELL
?!

#000

KATSU-
RAGI-KUN,
PERHAPS
YOU
SHARE
THE SAME
OPINION
AS SORYU,
THEN...?

...WHAT
YOU THINK
OF ME
IS NOT
IMPOR-
TANT.

KATSU-
RAGI...
SORYU...
YOU FROM
THE
PATERNITY
TEST...

YEAH, BUT,
I MEAN...
HE'S
SCARY,
THE PRIN-
CIPAL.

I
KNEW
IT!
NEVER
TRUST
ANYONE
OVER
14!!

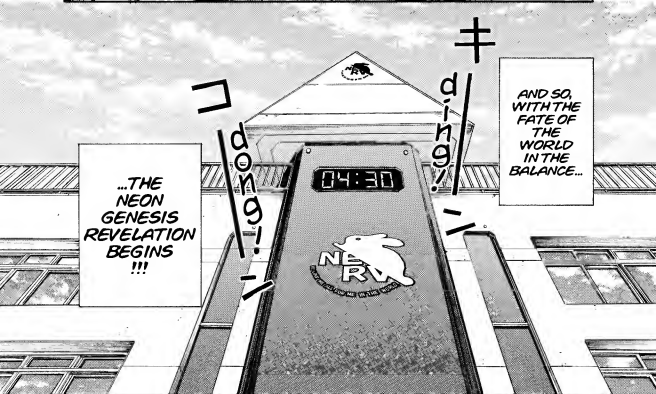
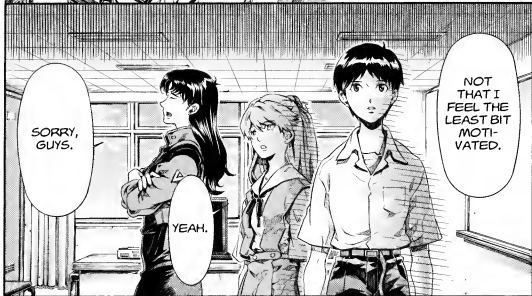
HEY!
SHOW
SOME
GUTS
!!

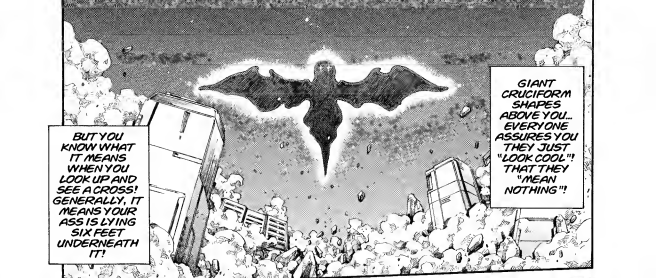
ASUKA, JUST
GIVE IT UP. WE
HAVE NO
CHOICE BUT
TO TAKE WHAT
HE SAYS AND
DOES AS
ULTIMATELY
GOOD FOR US.

WHAT'S
IMPOR-
TANT...
IS WHAT
REI
THINKS!!

YEAH, THIS
SUCKS, BUT
FOR SOME
REASON, I
RESPECT
FATALISM
MORE THAN
SNIVELING.

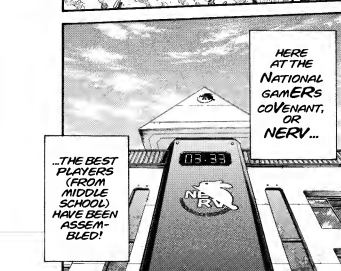
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shing!





BUT YOU
KNOW WHAT
IT MEANS
WHEN YOU
LOOK UP AND
SEE A CROSS!
GENERALLY, IT
MEANS YOUR
ASS IS LYING
SIX FEET
UNDERNEATH
IT!

GIANT
CRUCIFORM
SHAPES
ABOVE YOU...
EVERYONE
ASSURES YOU
THEY JUST
"LOOK COOL!"
THAT THEY
"MEAN
NOTHING!"



...THE BEST
PLAYERS
(FROM
MIDDLE
SCHOOL)
HAVE BEEN
ASSEMBLED!

HERE
AT THE
NATIONAL
GAMERS
COVENANT,
OR
NERV...



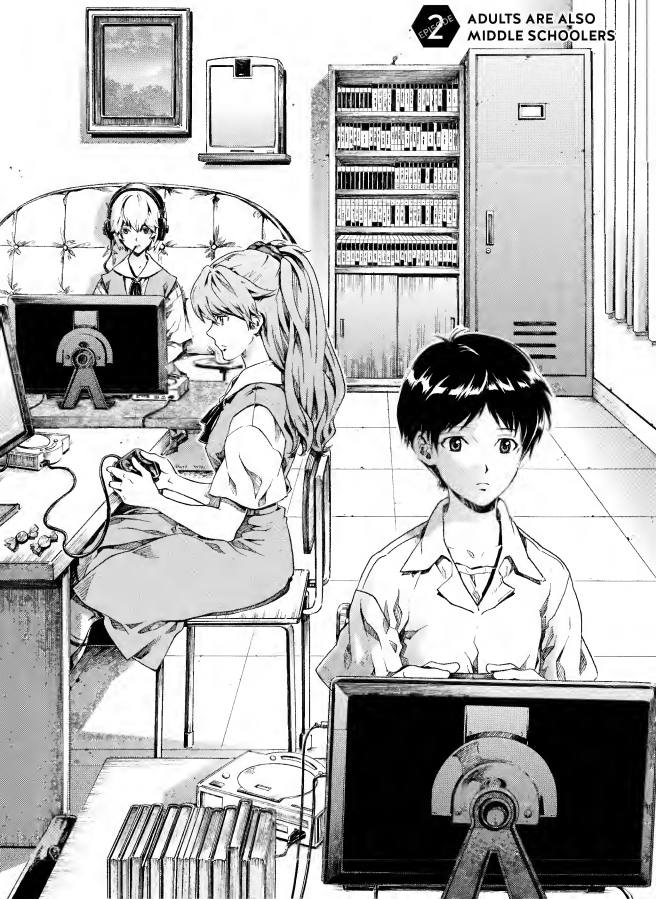
...IS A
DESPERATE
PROGRAM
TO TRAIN
PILOTS TO
COMMAND
THE
ULTIMATE
WEAPON...
EVANGELION
!!!

THE
ONLY
WAY TO
AVOID
THAT
FATE...



AND AMONG
THESE
CANDIDATES
ARE THREE
PARTICULAR
YOUTHS...
THE ELITE
OF THESE
ELITE...

...WHO
PRACTICE
THESE WAR
GAMES WITH
TENSION...
AND A
DESPERATE
SENSE OF
PURPOSE
!!!





HMM.
I SHALL
INTENSIFY
THEIR
TRAINING
REGI-
MEN...

WELL, THE
EVANGELION
ITSELF IS
ALMOST
FINISHED, BUT
THE **PILOTS**
AREN'T
ANYWHERE
NEAR
READY...!



HMM,
YES.
PERHAPS
SOME-
THING
MORE...
TRADI-
TIONAL.

BUT
REALLY,
IKARI! VIDEO
GAMES?
ARE YOU
SURE THAT
IS THE
PROPER
METHOD
...?



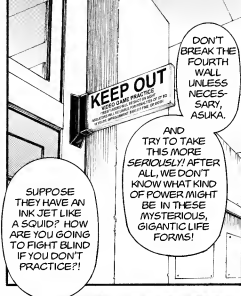
AND WHEN
ARE WE
GONNA
GET TO
BATTLE
THESE
MYSTERIOUS,
GIGANTIC
LIFE FORMS,
ANYWAY...?!

MISATO!
WHAT THE
HELL IS THE
PURPOSE
OF MAKING
US PLAY MR.
POTATO
HEAD
**BLIND-
FOLDED...?!**



ARE YOU
SERI-
OUS
...?

shake shake
shake shake



SUPPOSE THEY HAVE AN INK JET LIKE A SQUID? HOW ARE YOU GOING TO FIGHT BLIND IF YOU DON'T PRACTICE?!

AND TRY TO TAKE THIS MORE SERIOUSLY! AFTER ALL, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF POWER MIGHT BE IN THESE MYSTERIOUS, GIGANTIC LIFE FORMS!

DON'T BREAK THE FOURTH WALL UNLESS NECESSARY, ASUKA.



ASUKA, YOU KNOW VERY WELL THAT GAME IS CALLED FUKU-WARAI ...!

YEAH! HOW 'BOUT WE EXPLAIN THAT IN THE BACK? MAYBE WITH A LONG-WINDED, RAMBLING CULTURAL NOTE, FULL OF ASIDES!



ARE YOU SURE SHE'S NOT JUST DEAD...?

LOOK AT HER, STEADY FOR THREE HOURS.

ASUKA, WHY DON'T YOU FOLLOW REI'S EXAMPLE?



COULD YOU PLEASE SHUT UP...?!

OR MAYBE LIKE AN OCTOPUS, UNLESS IT'S LIKE A DEEP-SEA OCTOPUS, BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE INK SACS...

YEAH, ASUKA, IT MIGHT HAVE AN INK JET LIKE A SQUID.



COME ON, THERE HAS TO BE SOME LIMIT TO THE BULLSHIT AROUND HERE!

...SHE'S, LIKE, BATTLING THE ENEMY IN HER DREAMS, YOU KNOW, CONCEPTUALIZED COMBAT.

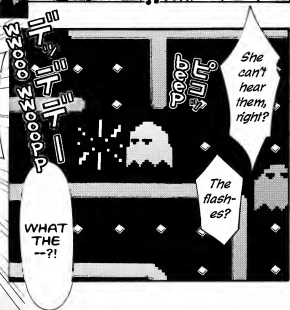
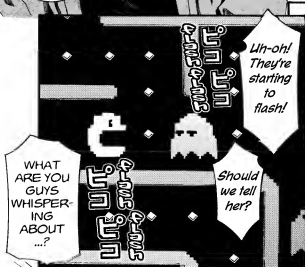
WELL, PRINCIPAL IKARI SAYS...

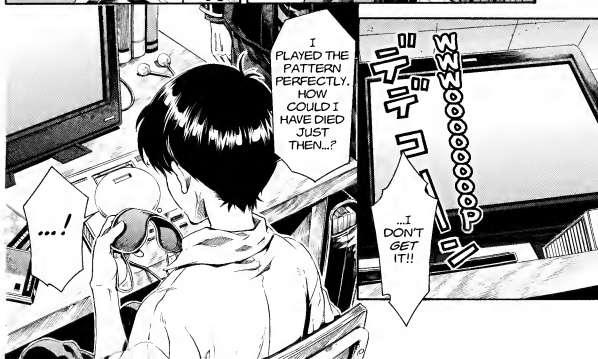


HMM... NO... I THINK SHE'S STILL ALIVE...

...AH, THERE. SEE? SHE'S ASLEEP.

WHY SHOULD I FOLLOW SOMEONE WHO'S ASLEEP ...?









WHAT, GET THEM TO PLAY A GIANT NOT-PLAY-STATION...

...AND THEN YANK LOOSE THE CONTROLLER CORD...?

INSTEAD OF WHINING, YOU SHOULD THINK ABOUT HOW TO APPLY THE METHOD I USED TO SABOTAGE YOUR GAME AGAINST THE MYSTERIOUS ENTITIES YOU WILL SOON FACE.

IT... IT'S EXACTLY AS YOU SAY.

...NOT AGAIN, MISATO-SAN!

ドキ
ドキ
ドキ
lub-
dup
lub-
dup



DAD, DO YOU REALLY LIKE ANYONE ...?

I CAN'T, SHINJI. THEY MAY TRY THE SAME TACTIC. IMAGINE SOMETHING 100 FEET TALL CALLING YOU A DICKLESS COWARD.



SOME-THING LIKE THAT.

WHY DON'T YOU JUST STOP DOING IT?!

ALSO, THINK ABOUT HOW TO BETTER PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST BELITTLING, EGO-DESTROYING INSULTS LIKE THOSE I HURL AT YOU.



I'M GOING TO TAKE A NAP AND TRY TO PRACTICE ATTACKING THE ENEMY IN MY DREAMS...

SHINJI, MAYBE REI HAD THE RIGHT IDEA.



IT'S YOUR BIRTHSTONE, SO IT'S CLASSIFIED.

heh
heh
heh

...HI THERE, REI. I FOUND A PRETTY LITTLE ROCK FOR YOU.

AYA-NAMI! THROW IT AT HIM!



SHRIEK!

WELL, WHAT-
EVER
IT IS, IT
CAN'T BE
WORSE
THAN
THAT
!!

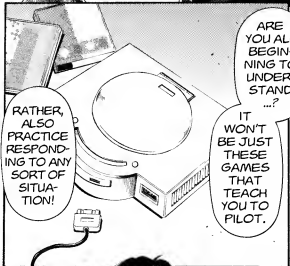
BUT
WHAT
DO YOU
IMAGINE
THEY
LOOK
LIKE,
ASUKA
...?

おかしな...
おかしな...



COMMON
SENSE WILL
ONLY GET
THE THREE
OF YOU SO
FAR. DON'T
TRUST IT.

IS
THAT WHY
YOU WANTED
US MIDDLE
SCHOOLERS,
DAD? WE
DON'T HAVE
ANY COMMON
SENSE TO
BEGIN
WITH!



RATHER,
ALSO
PRACTICE
RESPOND-
ING TO ANY
SORT OF
SITUATION!

ARE
YOU ALL
BEGIN-
NING TO
UNDER-
STAND
...?

IT
WON'T BE
JUST
THESE
GAMES
THAT
TEACH
YOU TO
PILOT.



YES,
EXACTLY.
YOU MIDDLE
SCHOOLERS
POSSESS
THAT ALL-
IMPOR-
TANT--
WHAT DO
YOU CALL
IT--
CHUTNEY
BOWL.

I
THINK HE
MEANS
"CHUUNI-
YOU."



THAT'S
RIGHT.

HE'S GOT
MISATO-SAN
BRAIN-
WASHED!
EVERY TIME
HE SPEAKS
SHE GROWS
MORE
DEVOTED TO
HIS CAUSE!!

IN
OTHER
WORDS,
THE
PROPER
AMOUNT
OF GAMING
ABILITY...

...WITH
THE RIGHT
AMOUNT
OF IDIOCY
MIXED
IN!

clench

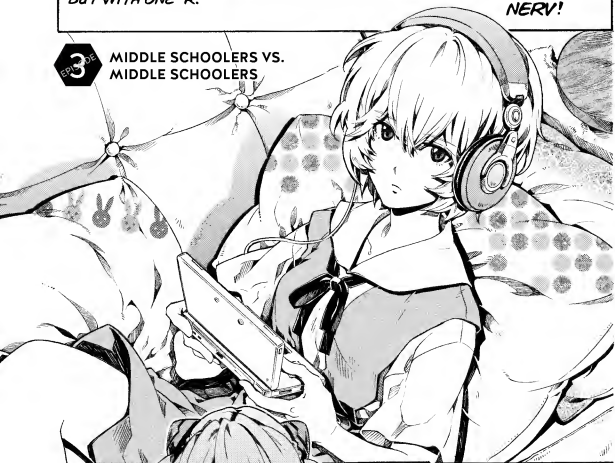
UMMMM,
ACTUALLY, IT'S
PRONOUNCED
"NERF"...? NO, NOT
LIKE THE FOAM
TOYS. THE E'S
MORE LIKE
"ERROR." SORT OF
A "NERRORERF."
BUT WITH ONE "R."



FOR THOSE
STARTING HERE:
ELITE MIDDLE
SCHOOL GAMERS
FROM AROUND THE
WORLD PRACTICE
TO PILOT THE
ULTIMATE WEAPON,
EVANGELION, AT
THE ACADEMY
KNOWN AS...
NERV!

3
EPISODE

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS VS.
MIDDLE SCHOOLERS



YOU'RE
KIDDING,
RIGHT
...?!

A
CHAL-
LENGE
...?



ta-daaa!

YEAH!
DAT'S
RIGHT!
I MEAN...
DAT'S
WRONG...
I MEAN...

...DEN HOW
'BOUT YA
SAY DAT
AFTER YUH
BEAT OFF!...
I MEAN,
BEAT US...!

...I AIN'T
KIDDIN' OR
NUTHIN'...
IF YOUSE
GUYS SEZ
YUH DA TOP
GAMERS IN
SCHOOL...

glenn

SERIOUSLY,
CAN
ANYONE
UNDER-
STAND
WHAT
HE'S
SAYING...?

IT'S
LOCALI-
ZATION
GONE
AWRY.

IT'S DA
KANSAI
ACCENT,
RIGHT?
SORRY IT
AIN'T NO
POSH
PALAVER
LIKE YA
TALK IN
TOKYO-3!

YUH DA
TOP
GAMER

WAIT A
MINUTE,
TOJI,
WE'RE
THE TOP
BECAUSE
...

...WE
ALREADY
BEAT YOU.
IN LAST
MONTH'S
TOURNAM-
ENT, REMEM-
BER...?

YA TINK
I DON'
KNOW
DAT? YA
TINK I'M
STUPID
...?

WE'D
BETTER
ASK
MAYA TO
EXPLAIN.

I'M
INCLINED
TO
SUPPORT
SHINJI-
KUN'S
PATRONIZ-
ING ATTIT-
UDE ON
THIS.

MISATO!
DON'T
GIVE
VOICE
TO THE
VOICE-
LESS!

DAT'S
RIGHT,
MAYA-
SENSEI
!!

SORRY,
GUYS.
BUT HE
INSISTED
ON A
REMATCH.

STILL,
THAT
BEING
SAID...
SORT
OF...



CAN I TOUCH IT A SEC...?

WOW!

WAIT! WHAT IS THAT?

WOULD YOU PLEASE LISTEN TO ME, SENSEI? SERIOUSLY, CAN YOU JUST PAY ATTENTION?

...DON'T YOU THINK WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE BEST DISPLAY OF MERIT THROUGH THE STUDENTS CONSTANTLY CHALLENGING THEMSELVES, KATSURAGI-SENSEI...?



ALL THE KIDS HERE ASPIRE TO BE PILOTS, AND EVERYONE IS GIVING IT THEIR FINEST EFFORTS...



GET IT THROUGH YOUR BOYISH HAIR-CUT!

I'M THE SCISSORS AROUND HERE, AND YOU'RE THE PAPER!

P-PAPER...?



I MEAN, I DON'T WANT TO RUB IT IN. BUT I'M YOUR SENIOR.

MISATO-SAN, EVEN I WAS EXPECTING A BETTER ARGUMENT FROM YOU THAN THAT.

UM, MAYA... I'LL REMIND YOU THAT I HAVE SENIORITY AT THIS SCHOOL.



SHE'S RIGHT! TOO BAD SHE DOESN'T HAVE SENIORITY, THOUGH!

BUT, SEMPAL, BY YOUR REASONING, PRINCIPAL IKARI WOULD BE THE ROCK...

...AND ROCKS ARE STUPIDER THAN SCISSORS, WHICH ARE STUPIDER THAN PAPER.



THAT'S WHY WE CONTINUE TO LEAD THE WORLD JUST LIKE WE HAVE SINCE THE 1980s!

YES! MERIT, YOU SAY? PSHAW! JAPAN RUNS ON SENIORITY! AN UN-CHANGING RULE!



NO, STOP!
PEOPLE
MIGHT
THINK
I'M
STUPID!

LOOK,
MISATO,
WE'VE
GOT THIS
COVERED,
SO HOW
ABOUT YOU
JUST SIT IN
THE BACK
QUIETLY.

Shh...
shh...
shh...



DON'T
MIND
ME. I
WAS
JUST
JOKING.

TEE-
HEE!

REST
ASSURED
WE
DIDN'T,
MI-
SATO.



RIGHT,
SO HERE'S
THE RULES.
THREE
ROUNDS, EACH
CONTESTED
BY ONE
PERSON FROM
EACH TEAM.

WHICH-
EVER TEAM
WINS TWO
ROUNDS
WINS THE
MATCH.
GOT
IT...?



VERY
WELL! AS
THE LEAST
SENIOR
PEOPLE
HERE, WE
ACCEPT A
BATTLE
UPON
MERIT!!

トキトキ
Shhhiiiiingga!



THEN WE
RESPOND
BY UN-
LEASHING...
THE
SILENT
MON-
STER!!



I'LL LEAD
MY TEAM
INTO THE
FIRST
ROUND OF
BATTLE!!



GIVE IT
YOUR
ALL,
CLASS
REP!



store!

...!!

26...
27...
28...



store!

...?

23...
24...
25...



#gleam

Ya
tell dat
premium
gail,
clarr
repl!

AND
I WILL
ABSO-
LUTELY
NOT
LOSE
THIS
ONE!

AYANAMI-
SAN, I'LL
HAVE YOU
KNOW I
WAS THE
BEST
GAMER
IN MY
HOME-
TOWN!



COME ON,
AYANAMI!
WE
ACCEPTED
THEIR
CHAL-
LENGE!

JUST
PLAY
THE
GAME...

...SORRY, I
REALIZED
AT AN
EARLY AGE
THAT
BEAUTY
WAS AN
EXCELLENT
SUBSTI-
TUTE FOR
SOCIAL
SKILLS.



AYANAMI,
STOP!
YOU
DON'T
NEED TO
FREAK
HER OUT
LIKE
THAT!!

29...

OH,
GOD! MY
FRECKLES!
SHE'S
COUNTING
MY
FRECKLES
!!!

MAN! DA
CHICK'S
PLAYIN'
ROUGH!



ZIP-
bammm!

OH, NO!
KENSUKE!!
SHE'S
SWITCHED
TARGETS
!!!

...!!



...?

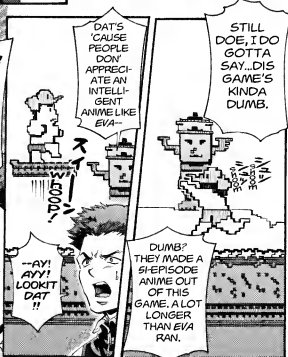
1...
2...
3...



beep! beep! beep!

PRESS START BUTTON
TOP !!

START!





...WILL
NOW
COME
DOWN
TO TWO
MEN!!!

SO
WE'RE
TIED ONE-
ONE, THE
OUTCOME
OF THIS
CHAL-
LENGE...

HUH,
SO IT
WAS
YASU.

THE
WINNER:
ASUKA.

whoosh!

THERE!
I
CLEARED
IT! THE
KILLER
IS
YASU!

AFTER
A PRO-
TRACTED
PERIOD
OF TIME—

HA,
HA.

shiiiiing!

GET
YASELF A
HEAD-
STONE,
A PLOT,
AN' SOME
PINE!!!

WOW!
CLASS REP,
I DIDN'T
EXPECT
YOU TO
TALK LIKE
THAT...

RIP
OUT HIS
BRAINS
AND
THROW
'EM ON THE
FLOOR
!

boom!

SO QUIT
TALKING
LIKE A
CHILD,
MAYA!!

UM...
SORRY
...?

...NO!
AS I SAID
BEFORE,
WE ARE A
HIER-
ARCHI-
CAL SOCIETY
!!

SEMPAI,
COULD I
PICK A
GAME...?

HMM
...

boom!

THE
FINAL
GAME IS...
WHAT'S
INSIDE
THE
BOX?!

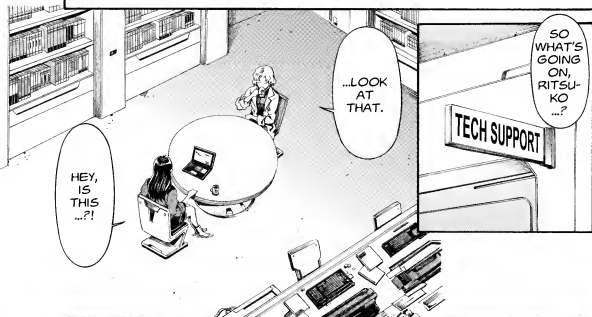
I
NEVER
HEARD
OF THAT
ONE...



ANGELS AND
TEENS IN
THE STREETS,
OH YEAH!
SCARING
THE NATION
WITH THEIR
GUNS AND
EVANGELION!
FROM NEON
GENESIS TO
REVELATION...



BLACK ARK MOON
INTERNATIONAL
BRANCH
PRESENTS...
LEGEND OF
THE PIKO PIKO
MIDDLE SCHOOL
STUDENTS!



SO
WHAT'S
GOING
ON,
RITSU-
KO
...?

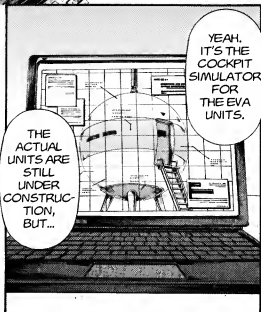
TECH SUPPORT

...IN THE
MEAN-
TIME,
THEY CAN
USE
THESE TO
PRAC-
TICE.

IT'LL BE
JUST LIKE
PLAYING A
GAME.
I HEAR
YOU'VE HAD
THEM
PLAYING
GAMES...?

THE
ACTUAL
UNITS ARE
STILL
UNDER
CONSTRUC-
TION,
BUT...

YEAH.
IT'S THE
COCKPIT
SIMULATOR
FOR
THE EVA
UNITS.





...IT'S A
ROBOT
...!

...WOW!

KIND
OF FLIMSY
LOOKING,
ISN'T IT?
I DON'T
THINK IT
WOULD
HOLD UP IN
COMBAT.

SO WE
FINALLY
GET TO
SEE AN
EVANGELION
...!

AND YOU'LL
ALSO BE
HELPING US
PERFECT THE
ACTUAL EVA
UNITS, BY
GIVING US
FEEDBACK
...!

I KNOW
YOU GUYS
ARE EAGER
TO START
PILOTING,
SO WE'RE
DOING
THIS FOR
NOW.

ws hhh

UM...IT'S
JUST
THE
SIMULA-
TOR.

RITSU-
KO...?

OH, I
GET IT.
COOL.

WHY DOES
EVERYONE
ON EARTH
TAKE MY
EXISTENCE
SO
LIGHTLY
...?!

TO BE
BLUNT, IT'S
BECAUSE
WE HAVEN'T
WORKED
OUT ALL
THE SAFETY
ISSUES
YET...

MAYBE
I'M NOT
SUCH A
FOOL,
ASUKA
...

WHA
...?!

WHY
HAVE A
FOOL
LIKE
HIM GO
FIRST...?

WE'D
LIKE
SHINJI-
KUN TO
TRY IT
FIRST.

IT'S NOT
LIKE I'LL
PROTECT
YOU OR
ANYTHING.

YOU
WON'T DIE.
WELL, I
MEAN, YOU
MIGHT
DIE.

IS
THERE
NO LOVE
IN THIS
WORLD
?!

I
COULD
REALLY
DIE!

ASUKA...
AYA-
NAMI...
I-I
COULD
DIE!

ARE
YOU
TRYING
TO
AROUSE
US?

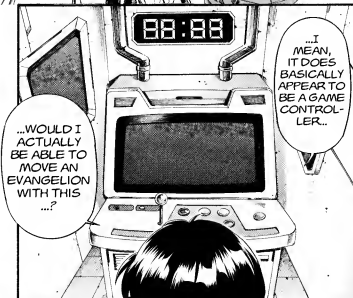
DO NOT EACH
OF US REQUIRE
LOVE? DID WE
NOT ALL HAVE
PARENTS, OR
AT LEAST, A
MOTHER, WHO
LOVED US...?

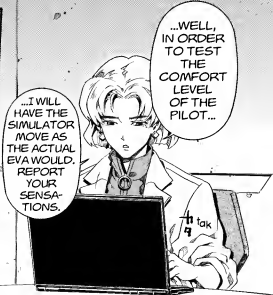
BUT--
NO SE
PUEDO
VIVIR SIN
AMAR--
"ONE
CANNOT
LIVE
WITHOUT
LOVE!"

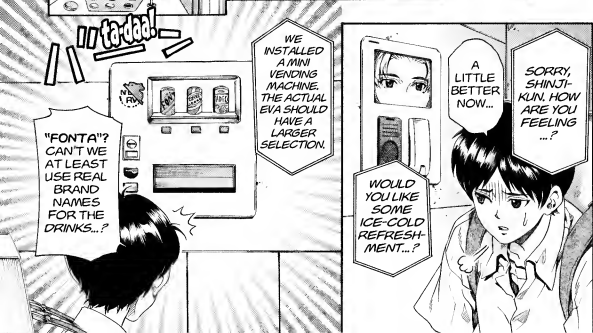
SHINJI-
KUN...

FLASH
WAS
IT A META-
ANALYSIS,
OR ONE OF
THOSE
"HERE'S
WHAT
CAUSES
CANCER
THIS WEEK"
THINGS...?!

NO,
THERE
ISN'T. WE
ACTUALLY
JUST RAN
A STUDY
ON THIS.









I'LL
HAVE
THE
FONTA.

HEY...
IT'S
NOT
WORK-
ING.

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WE
ALSO OFFER
CITRUSY
"MELLO
GENDO," AND
"PEN[®]SI-COLA,"
IN DELICIOUS
FLIGHTLESS-
WATERFOWL
FLAVOR.

WE
HAVE TO SAVE
EVERY SPARE
YEN FOR THE
EVA'S COMBAT
CAPABILITIES.
SHINJI-KUN, THE
SODAS ARE
NERV HOUSE
BRANDS.

sigh



YOU DON'T
THINK WE'D GO
INTO COMBAT
WITH LOOSE
CHANGE IN
OUR POCKETS,
DO YOU...?

DID YOU
REMEMBER
TO PUT
MONEY IN,
SHINJI-
KUN...?

WHAT
?!

WHAT IF
WE MOUNTED
THE VENDING
MACHINE
INDEPENDENTLY
ON GIMBALS?
THEN IT WOULD
STAY LEVEL
NO MATTER
WHAT...

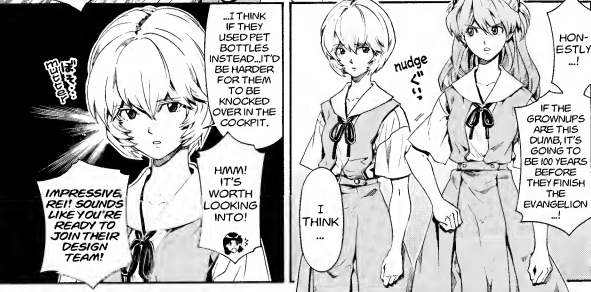
EXACTLY HOW
MUCH ARE THEY
PAYING YOU
TWO IDIOTS?
AND COULD WE
HAVE THAT
MONEY INSTEAD
...?!



...I HADN'T
ANTICIPATED
THAT, OF
COURSE,
THE SIMULA-
TOR WOULD
SHAKE UP
THE CAN AS
WELL.

spritzzz!
OH, GOD!
IT'S
SHOOTING
ALL OVER
MY FACE!!
THIS IS
WORSE
THAN A
DOUJIN-
SHI!!

スプラッシュ...





5
EPISODE

MIDDLE SCHOOLER NAGISA





HE...
HE'S
GOTTA
BE
30!

DAD!
DO
SOMETHING
...!!

AND I
USED TO
"DATE"
KATSU-
RAGI!

WHAT
THE
--?!



HI,
I'M KAJI,
FROM
OUR
SISTER
SCHOOL,
SEELE
LYCEUM!



THE EARLY
1990s! SON,
YOU NEED TO
MOUSSE IT
BACK ON TOP,
GET SOME
GEEKY BLACK
HORN-RIMS
AND A BUSHY-
ASS BEARD...

AND YET
HE'S STILL
ROCKING
THAT
PONYTAIL
AND CHIN
SCRAG
LIKE IT'S
THE 1990s
...!!

STO
STO



...WELL,
WELL!
WHAT DO
WE HAVE
HERE?

A
YOUNG
URBAN
HIPSTER
...?

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hissssss

I FEEL
TERRIBLE
ABOUT
UNLEASHING
DAD ON
HIM, BUT I
GUESS IT
WORKED...?

S-
SOR-
RY,
SIR.

WELCOME
TO NERV,
KAJI.

ぎろん
stare!

...UNTIL
NEITHER
MAN NOR
ANGEL
CAN
AFFORD
TO LIVE
HERE!!!

THEN
INFILTRATE...
AND WATCH
THE RENTS
IN TOKYO-3
RISE LIKE
MIGHTY
SKY-
SCRAPERS...

IS THIS SOME
KIND OF JOKE,
GIVING HIM
THAT?! HE'S
GOING TO GET
REALLY
MAD
AT YOU!!



IT'S A
FRESH-
WATER
CRAB, AS
YOU, BUT
NOT THE
READERS,
CAN SEE, IT
HAS A RARE
COLOR-
ATION.



...AND
I HOPE
YOU WILL
ACCEPT
THIS
GIFT.

I
APOLO-
GIZE
FOR MY
BEHAV-
IOR.

IT'S AN
HONOR
TO MEET
YOU,
PRINCIPAL
IKARI...

MAYBE
IT'S THE
CRAB....?

OKAY,
SO IF HE'S
NOT THE
TRANSFER
STUDENT
EVERYONE'S
BEEN
TALKING
ABOUT,
WHO IS
...?

I
KNEW
YOU'D
LIKE IT,
SIR.

YOU'RE
RIGHT-
IN FACT,
IT'S DIFF-
CULT TO DE-
SCRIBE.

YOU KNOW,
HOWEVER
MANY HOURS
I WERE TO
STARE AT
THIS COLOR,
I'D NEVER
GET TIRED
OF DOING
SO.

I
HAVE NO
IDEA
WHAT MY
DAD'S
INTO, I
GUESS.

WHERE'D
THE
OTHER
CRAB
COME
FROM?

チェーン
Wa-Wa-Waaaaa

...IT'S
THAT
CRAB!
SEE, IT
APPEARS
WHEN
YOU DOUBLE-
CLICK.

THIS WASN'T
ANY FUNNIER
IN THE
ORIGINAL
JAPANESE,
BY THE WAY.



...OH,
RIGHT.

DON'T
BE
SILLY,
REI. IT'S
NOT
THAT
CRAB!

AND
YET MY
PA-
TIENCE
IS NOT
UNLIMIT-
ED--

HEY! IF
THE REAL
TRANSFER
STUDENT IS
HERE, JUST
COME IN
ALREADY!!



ONE
CRAB WAS
SPECIAL,
INTIMATE.
TWO MAKES
ME SUSPECT
THERE IS
TOMFOOLERY
AT WORK
HERE, A JEST
WHICH I
CANNOT YET
DECODE.

SORRY,
SORRY.
I WAS JUST--

TWO
CRABS
...?

IS IT
YOU
...?

YES.
THANK
YOU.

カ
ラ
ッ
rattle

WOW, THAT
SELF-INTRO
WAS SO HOT
I WONDER
IF HE'LL BE
OKAY.

...NO,
NOT
SHINJI.
KAWORU!
KAWORU
NAGISA
!!

...KA-
WORU
!

SHINJI.

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!

I CAN'T
TELL IF
HE'S
FRONTING
OR IF THIS
IS THE
REAL HIM!

HE
LOOKS LIKE
A DIFFICULT
TYPE TO
FIGURE.
BETTER
WATCH OUT,
SHINJI!

WAIT...
WHAT DID
I SAY
AGAIN...?

ズバッ
slassshhhhhh!

AND YOU
MUST BE
SHINJI-KUN!
I HEARD
ABOUT YOUR
DOUJINSHI
CONCEPT,
AND WAS
INTRIGUED...

thrust!
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...I
DECIDED
TO COME
HERE!

YOU
CAN CALL ME
NAGISA-KUN!
YES, I WAS THE
BEST AT SEELE,
BUT WHEN I
BECAME
AWARE OF ALL
THE TALENT
YOU HAVE AT
NERV...

THE
BEST AT
SEELE
LYCEUM,
IN FACT.

RIGHT. DON'T
UNDER-
ESTI-
MATE
HIM.

DESPITE
HIS
GLAMOUR
AND SEX
APPEAL,
HE'S A
TOP
GAMER.

YOU'VE
SAID
THOSE
THINGS
TWICE
NOW.

PERHAPS
HE REPEATS
THE STUFF
THAT'S
PERSONALLY
IMPORTANT
TO HIM...?

YOU CAN
CALL ME
NAGISA-
KUN!! I
DECIDED
TO COME
HERE!!!

zoom!



WITH PLEASURE.

WELL, THEY SAY THAT HEARING SOMETHING 100 TIMES IS NOTHING COMPARED TO SEEING IT ONCE.

PERHAPS YOU COULD SHOW THEM ALL AN EXAMPLE OF YOUR GAME...?

ネットニ da-doooom

YOU'RE RIGHT! EVEN IF HE'S AMAZING, THERE'S STILL SOMETHING OFF ABOUT HOLDING A CONTROLLER LIKE THAT...!

CHECK OUT THE WAY HE HOLDS THE CONTROLLER...!

da-daaa!



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ALTHOUGH IT DIDN'T SEEM LIKE MUCH, THE WAY HE'S HOLDING THE CONTROLLER IS REALLY STARTING TO SHINE! IT WORKS!

SHINJI!! HE'S TOTALLY BEATEN YOUR HIGH SCORE WITHOUT EVEN BREAKING A SWEAT! I'M NOT EVEN SURE HE'S CAPABLE OF SWEATING!



HEY! HEY!



WOW!
ワイ

AND
SO...

WELL, IT'S
NOT LIKE
WE WERE
ACCEPTED
HERE
FOR OUR
MUSICAL
ABILITY,
MISATO...!

YEAH,
I CAN SEE
HOW THIS
WOULD
WORRY YOU
GUYS, SEEING
THAT THE
ONLY THING
YOU'RE
GOOD AT IS
GAMES.



SHINJI!
IS IT
TRUE YA
PLANNIN'
A DUET
WIT'
'I/M...?!

WELL, I
TOLD HIM
I DIDN'T
EVEN PLAY
THE PIANO,
BUT
NAGISA
WAS ODDLY
INSIST-
ENT...



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キキ
キキ

bam!
bam!



WHATCHA SAY, SHINJI? YOU, ME, AN' KENSUKE TRIPLE-TEAM TH' DUDE?! HE'S GONNA TINK HE'S HAD A TRAIN RUN ON 'IM!

WE GOTTA JACK DIS GUY! SCRUFF 'IM UP! PUT 'IM THRU TH' GRINDER!

DAT'S WHY WE GOTTA AP-PROACH HIM AS MEN!



IT'S WEIRD, THOUGH. ALMOST LIKE HE'S NOT ALL THAT INTERESTED.

SINCE THAT DUDE HAS SHOWN UP, ALL THE GIRLS HAVE GONE CRAZY ...!



YA MORON! YA SNIVELIN' COWARD!! YOUSE TWO GUYS ARE USELESS !!!

...I GUESS ALL WE CAN REALLY DO THEN IS TALK SMACK ABOUT HIM, IN HOPES OF EVENTUALLY ERODING HIS MORALE.



UMMM... YEAH, BUT HE BEAT US GUYS, AND WE BEAT YOU GUYS, SO IF WE JOIN FORCES, IT'S JUST SUBTRACTION.

COULD WE JUST PLAY A GAME?



bam!

NAGISA!!!

...RIGHT! I GOT A WAY TA DEFEAT DIS GUY...AT A GAME HE CAN'T PLAY!!

WHAT DID YOU HAVE IN MIND...?

fwammm!

AN' I
FIGURE I
CAN'T LOSE
DIS ONE,
'CAUSE I
DON'T KNOW
WHERE
YA FROM,
BUT I'M
GUESSING
IT AIN'T DA
KANSAI
REGION!!!

I
CHAL-
LENGE
YUH TA
A COOK-
OFF A' DA
NATIONAL
DISH
A' MY
PEOPLE...
TAKOYAKI
!!

...WHY
I NEED TA
GET ALL
EXCITED,
AN' SHOW
YA MY
BARE,
ROCK-
HARD
ARMS...

I CAN'T
EXPLAIN
WHY I
NEED TA
CHAL-
LENGE
YA...

DON'
GET
WISE
WIT' ME,
PAL!

I'M
FROM
THE
MOON.

ALL
DAY? I'M
GONNA
STAND
HERE ALL
WEEK!!

LOOK,
IF YOU
DON'T
AGREE,
HE'S JUST
GOING TO
STAND
THERE
ALL DAY.

WOULD
YOU MIND,
NAGISA-
KUN? WE'VE
GOT THE
GRILL SET
UP IN THE
SCHOOL-
YARD.

I
REALLY
AM
FROM
THE
MOON,
YOU
KNOW.



TOJI
WISHES TO
INCREASE
HIS CHANCE
OF SUC-
CESSFULLY
MATING WITH
HUMAN
WOMEN.

OH...I
THINK I
UNDER-
STAND
NOW.



...URGH
!!

OKAY...
BUT IF
YOU
REALLY
THINK
ABOUT
IT...

...IT'S
NOT LIKE
EVEN WINNING
THIS THING
WILL SOME-
HOW MAKE
THE GIRLS
THINK YOU'RE
HOTTER
THAN HIM.



size



WHAT
...?

VERY
WELL, YES,
I CAN MAKE
TAKOYAKI. USED
TO HAVE A LITTLE
STAND IN THE SEA
OF TRANQUILITY.
VOTED "BEST
NIGHT OUT" IN
THE TABGHA
TIMES THREE
YEARS
RUNNING.



THE WINDS
OF SPRING
BLEW THEIR
FRESH
BREEZE
ACROSS THE
SCHOOLYARD.

ULTIMATELY,
EVERYONE
WAS
HAPPY AND
HAD FUN.

6
EPISODE

BIRTHDAY MIDDLE SCHOOLERS





AND
I'M HERE
TO INFORM
YOU THAT
HE'S GOING
TO BE
A PART
OF YOUR
TRAINING
TEAM.

...ALL
RIGHT,
EVERYONE,
YOU'VE ALL
MET THE NEW
TRANSFER
STUDENT AND
ACE TAKOYAKI
CHEF,
KAWORU
NAGISA.



BUT
YOU HAVE
TO ADMIT,
HE IS A
GOOD
GAMER...

OKAY,
NOW WAIT
JUST A
SECOND,
MISATO.
DON'T WE
HAVE...

...ENOUGH
WEIRD
CREEPS
AROUND
HERE
ALREADY? I
DON'T THINK
WE CAN
HANDLE
ANOTHER.

DID
EVERYONE
ENJOY MY
BALLS
YESTER-
DAY...?



OH,
GOD.
WHAT
IS HE
DOING
...?

CONSIDER
THIS A
GESTURE
OF MY WISH
TO GROW
CLOSER
TO YOU.



...IT
SEEMS
THAT I'M
NOT THAT
WELCOME
HERE.



WHAT
THE
HELL IS
THIS...?

WHA...?



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PERHAPS
THIS WILL
SHIFT YOUR
MOOD TO THE
BRIGHT
SIDE...?



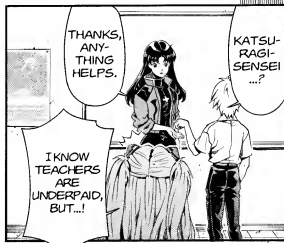
REI,
I TOOK
THIS
FROM THE
PIANO.
IT'S A
SHARP
KEY.



gleam!

WHAT
IS THIS
SUPPOSED
TO MEAN
EXCEPT,
"PLEASE
PUNCH ME,
ASUKA!"
...?

YOU KNOW
THAT THING
THAT SWINGS
AROUND IN A
METRO-
NOME? THIS
IS THAT
THING THAT
SWINGS
AROUND IN A
METRO-
NOME!



THANKS,
ANY-
THING
HELPS.

KATSU-
RAGI-
SENSEI
...?

I KNOW
TEACHERS
ARE
UNDERPAID,
BUT...!



AND
FOR YOU,
SHINJI...
HERE'S
200
YEN!

UM...
THANKS
FOR THE
THOUGHT,
BUT I'M
FINE.

WHAT
DO WE THINK?
THAT ON TOP
OF DROPPING
THIS INFO ON
US ALL OF A
SUDDEN,
YOU'RE
INCREDIBLY
SELFISH!!

SO
WHAT
DO YOU
THINK
...?

...OH,
AND JUST
SO YOU'RE
AWARE--AS IT
HAPPENS, THE
DAY AFTER
TOMORROW
IS MY
BIRTHDAY.

ALL
WE CAN
TRULY
SAY WITH
CERTAINTY...

ONE'S
OWN
HEART,
ONE'S
OWN
PERSONA...

...EVEN
ONE'S
OUTSIDE
APPEARANCE...
THESE ARE
THINGS
IMPOSSIBLE
TO DISCERN
FROM AN
OBJECTIVE
VIEW.

IT'S
THE
SAME
FOR
YOU
ALL,
TOO.

SEE, I
DON'T
EVEN
REAL-
IZE
THAT
ABOUT
MY-
SELF.

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AND
SOMEHOW
I KNOW
THAT HERE
AT NERV, I'M
GOING TO
BE A PART
OF YOUR
PLANS.

PLANS
FOR
WHAT?

I'M
NOT
GOING
TO
TOUCH
THAT
LINE.

NAGISA-KUN,
I THINK THAT
AS A PERSON
YOU'RE A LITTLE
TOO MUCH FOR
ME TO TAKE IN.
I MIGHT HAVE
TO OPT OUT OF
KNOWING
YOU.

...IS
THAT MY
BIRTHDAY
IS THE DAY
AFTER
TOMORROW.

...HAPPY
BIRTH-
DAY TO
YOU...

HAPPY
BIRTH-
DAY TO
YOU...

HAPPY...
BIRTH...
DAY TO...
YOUUUU
!

...HAPPY
DAY,
DEAR
NAGISA-
KUN...

UM...

SO...

THIS
IS...THE
FIRST TIME
ANYONE'S
EVER CELE-
BRATED MY
BIRTHDAY
FOR ME.

WE
WERE
MADE TO
DO THIS BY
YOU, YOU
KNOW.

WHAT'S
THE
MATTER,
NAGISA-
KUN...?

shirley

I
WANT
TO DO
THAT,
BUT...

...
WELL,
DO IT,
THEN.

WE GET
IT, NAGISA-
KUN. THE
CANDLES ARE
COMPLETELY
MELTED AT THIS
POINT, SO CAN
YOU JUST BLOW
THEM OUT
ALREADY?

...THAT,
AND THE
SONG
WAS JUST
SO
GREAT.

WE
GET IT!
BLOW IT
OUT!!

...NO,
I MEAN,
THAT
SONG! I
WAS JUST
THINKING
ABOUT HOW
GREAT IT
WAS.

shirley

WHY DO
I HAVE
TO HAVE
A PARTY
WITH THIS
IDIOT,
HUH...?

...OH,
COME
ON,
DON'T
SAY THAT,
ASUKA
!

LOOK,
YOU TWO!
HE'S A
GENIUS!

straw

WAS
HE THE
SMART-
EST
GUY AT
SEELE?

shirley



SINCE I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT YOU, I THOUGHT I COULDN'T GO WRONG WITH SOMETHING PRACTICAL.

OH, YOU GOT HIM A T-SHIRT!



YEAH, YEAH. ANYWAY, HERE, YOUR PRESENT.

WAIT, REALLY? ARE YOU SURE?



I WASN'T EXPECTING MUCH GRATITUDE, BUT MAYBE JUST A "THANKS" ...?

LOOK, ASUKA! HE'S LOST ALL EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE! HE'S BECOME A SOULLESS THRALL!



...WHAT'S WRONG, NAGISA-KUN?



WHAT ARE THEY ...?

rustle



LOOK, ASUKA, SHE DOESN'T CARE AND SHE'S NOT AFRAID TO SHOW IT!

YOU PULL THEM OFF CANS TO ACCESS THE JUICE INSIDE. I SAVED THEM FOR YOU.



AND THIS IS FROM ME.

WAIT, REALLY? ARE YOU SURE?



WOW!
THIS IS
THE MOST
AMAZING
GIFT
EVER...!

SEE,
WE HAVE
NO IDEA
WHAT THIS
DUDE'S
INTO
AFTER
ALL!

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AND
WHAT'S
MORE,
YOU CAN
LAUNCH
THEM
FROM
YOUR
FINGER!

WOW,
HOW COOL,
RIGHT,
NAGISA-
KUN? THESE
ARE
ESPECIALLY
VALUABLE
RIGHT NOW.

MISATO!
ENOUGH
WITH THE
COVER
FIRE.
ALL IS
LOST.

Insert tab at 90-
degree angle into
slot of ring.



IN
OTHER
WORDS,
YOU
CHICK-
ENED
OUT...!

eh
heh
えん

...I THOUGHT
A LOT ABOUT
IT, AND I WAS
WORRIED I'D
GET YOU
SOMETHING
THAT YOU
DIDN'T NEED,
SO...

...I
FIGURED...
MAYBE I'D
ASK YOU
WHAT YOU
WANTED,
NAGISA-
KUN...?



OKAY.
SO WHAT
DID YOU
GET HIM,
SHINJI
...?

UM,
ABOUT
THAT
...



MAY I
APPROACH
THE
QUESTION
IN A WORLD
WHERE TIME
MACHINES
EXIST...?

UM...
NO.

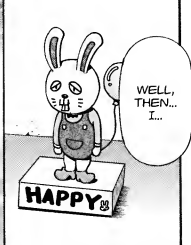


NAGISA-
KUN...
WHAT
DO YOU
WANT
THE
MOST?

THE
MOST
...?



...I'D
LIKE
SOME
FRIENDS
...?



WELL,
THEN...
I...



...IF
YOU'RE
COOL
WITH
BEING
MY
FRIEND...
THEN...



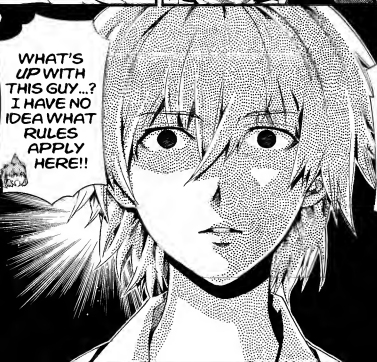
UM...

SHINJI-
KUN
...!

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WHAT'S
UP WITH
THIS GUY...?
I HAVE NO
IDEA WHAT
RULES
APPLY
HERE!!

APPAR-
ENTLY,
HE
WASN'T
COOL
WITH IT.



EH
...?!

TO CONTINUE--A NEW
KIND OF WEAPON WAS
BUILT TO FIGHT THEM.
THE MIGHTY

EVANGELION! AND YET
THE WEAPON HAD TWO
CRUCIAL LIMITATIONS.
ONE: IT COULD ONLY BE
PILOTED BY MIDDLE
SCHOOLERS. TWO: MIDDLE
SCHOOLERS ONLY CARE
ABOUT VIDEO GAMES. THIS
HUMANITY'S LAST CHANCE
DEPENDS UPON TRYING TO
GET THE PILOTS TO SHOW SOME
KIND OF INTEREST... THROUGH THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW KIND OF
TRAINING INSTITUTE--THE INAUDIBLE
MUMBLE MUTTER...



THIS IS A STORY ABOUT THOSE
WHICH WOULD, BEFORE TOO
LONG... APPEAR BEFORE HUMANITY.
ABOUT THE MYSTERIOUS, GIGANTIC
LIFE FORMS AGAINST WHICH A
DECISIVE BATTLE AWAITED. LOOK,
WE'RE SORRY TO REPEAT
OURSELVES LIKE THIS, BUT, YOU
SEE, THIS MANGA WAS ORIGINALLY
SERIALIZED IN A MONTHLY
MAGAZINE. WHILE IN THEORY IT
WOULD MAKE SENSE TO STOP
REINTRODUCING THE PREMISE
EVERY CHAPTER NOW THAT
THEY'VE BEEN COLLECTED IN THIS
GRAPHIC NOVEL, THE ALL-
IMPORTANT INTEGRITY OF THE
ORIGINAL MATERIAL WILL BE
RESPECTED, WITH MINOR
FORMATTING ADJUSTMENTS IN
CONSIDERATION OF SPACE.



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EPISODE

DANCING MIDDLE
SCHOOLERS

...BUT
RATHER,
BEING
PROFICIENT
ALL ROUND,
AND BEING
ABLE TO SKILL-
FULLY PLAY IN
ANY GAME
PRESENTED
TO YOU.

BEING A
TOP GAMER
DOESN'T
MEAN
MASTERING A
PARTICULAR
GENRE, AND
ONLY THAT
GENRE...



ガラガラ
rattle!

MISATO,
PLEASE
STOP. THIS
KIND OF
BUILDUP IS
REALLY
EXHAUSTING.



...BEHOLD!
THE
CHAMPIONS
OF A DAY
GONE BY,
RETURNED IN
OUR HOUR OF--

...BATTLE-
HARDENED
VETERANS OF
THE WARRING
GAME CENTER*
PERIOD OF
THE 1990S...
COME TO AID
US IN THIS
ENDEAVOR!



TO
THAT END,
I PRESENT
EMISSARIES
FROM WHEN
IT WAS ALL
ABOUT THE
CLAW CRANES
AND THEM
SIX-BUTTON
SIDE-VIEW
CABINETS...

*She means "arcades."

WHY,
HELLO
THERE.

ka-shiing!

HEY!
LOVE &
PEACE &
GIGANTES
!

THAT'S A
HALF-ASSED
IMPRESSION,
AND I DON'T
EVEN KNOW
WHO IT'S
OF!!



SHIGERU
AOBA, BACK
IN THE DAY, I
WAS NICK-
NAMED THE
"LONG-HAIRED
GUITARIST."
TO MEET YOU,
NICE!

BACK
IN THE
DAY? SO,
BASICALLY,
PRECISELY
AS YOU
APPEAR
NOW?



RIGHT
ON, YEAH? I'M
PARTICULARLY
GOOD AT
STEP AND
RHYTHM
GAMES, SO
YOU KNOW.

SOMETHING ABOUT THIS IS ALL SO SAD. I MEAN, YOUR NICKNAMES ENCOMPASS ABOUT 20% OF JAPANESE PEOPLE, ANYWAY.

AS A RESULT, I WOUND UP DATING THE UGLIEST GIRL ON CAMPUS. OH, BY THE WAY, MY NICKNAME WAS "SHORT HAIR WITH GLASSES."

ハハハ？
ha ha？

MAKOTO HYUGA'S THE NAME...CLAW CRANES WERE THE GAME! I GOT GOOD AT THEM SO I COULD IMPRESS THE LADIES.

I'm so sorry!

Shucks.

HEY! I SAID, WHAT SHOULD WE DO ...?!

YOU TWO GET ONLY 40 POINTS FOR THOSE UNDER-PRODUCED SELF-INTROS.

uh-huh

WELL, WHATEVER. NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE, WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO DO...?

ガララーラ
rattle!

ARE YOU GOING TO BE LIKE THIS ALL DAY...?

HEarken THEE AND ENTER, ASSISTANT TEACHERS CHOSEN BY THE GODS!

da-da-daaaa!

OKAY, NOW... PAY ATTENTION!

TODAY'S CONTEST WILL BE ON THESE!



EVERY-
ONE
READY
...?!

WHAT
DID YOU
SAY? I'M
DEAF
ALL OF A
SUDDEN.



SO,
NONE
OF THIS
"NO WAY"
STUFF,
OKAY?

YOU'RE
ON A
DIFFER-
ENT
PLANET,
MISATO.

AN
INTER-
ESTING
SELECTION,
WOULDN'T
YOU SAY? IT
TOOK SOME
TIME AND
PREPARA-
TION TO GET
THESE.



And I
ordered
the, really
tight
ones!

AW,
JEEZ,
MISATO!
COME
ON!!

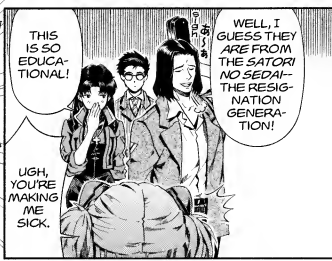
BECAUSE
I'M GOING
TO STRAP
THESE
ELECTRIC-
SHOCK
BANDS TO
YOUR
WRISTS!



WELL,
I CERTAINLY
LIKE TO
THINK
SO.

SINCE
APPAR-
ENTLY
I NEED TO
SAY IT, OUR
GENERATION
ISN'T
SPOILED
AND JADED
LIKE YOURS,
MISATO...

...BUT
BOTH
STYLISH
AND
REASON-
ABLE
IN
ACTION!



THIS
IS SO
EDUCA-
TIONAL!

UGH,
YOU'RE
MAKING
ME
SICK.

WELL, I
GUESS THEY
ARE FROM
THE SATORI
NO SEDA--
THE RESIG-
NATION
GENERATION!



LET'S TAKE UP THEIR CHALLENGE! GET SOME!

glare!

...WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, HUH? I DO NOT WANT YOU THINKING YOU CAN SPOUT OFF TO ME HOW-EVER YOU WANT, GOT IT?

DO YOU NOT HAVE THE CONFIDENCE THAT YOU CAN WIN?

SO, IN OTHER WORDS, WE JUST HAVE TO WIN.

THAT'S NOT REALLY WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO SAY HERE...



GOT IT?! WE'RE NOT GONNA LOSE EVEN ONCE...!

glare!



SHINJI ...?

RIGHT.

AS THE PREMIUM GIRL OF THIS SERIES, I AM NOT TO BE EXPOSED TO HEAT, VIBRATION, OR ELECTRO-SHOCK.

20000m!-

WHERE'S YOUR WRIST-BAND? PUT IT ON LIKE THE REST OF US!!

HEY! WAIT A SECOND!



Eventually

THIS HURTS.
THIS REALLY HURTS.

DOUBLE
UP ON
HER,
SHINJI!

DOUBLE
DOWN ON THE
DOUBLE
UP,
SHINJI
!!!

GOT
IT!!

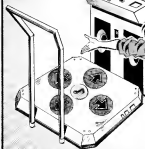


THE
ARROWS
WILL BEGIN
TO FALL
DOWN THE
SCREEN,
POINTING
DIFFERENT
DIRECTIONS...

AND
YOU MUST
MATCH
THOSE-IN
PERFECT
TIME--TO
THE ARROWS
AT YOUR
FEET!



ビコーン
Pa-WOOOOM!



NOW
LET'S GET
STARTED!
SHALL WE
DANCE...?



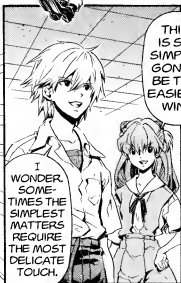
THAT'S
RIGHT...

TECHNICALLY,
I GUESS I
SHOULD BE
CRACKING MY
METATARSALS
RIGHT NOW,
HUH...?

...SO
WE'RE
GONNA
HAVE
AOBA-KUN
HERE DEM-
ONSTRATE
JUST THAT
POINT.

I
WONDER.
SOME-
TIMES THE
SIMPLEST
MATTERS
REQUIRE
THE MOST
DELICATE
TOUCH.

THIS
IS SO
SIMPLE.
GONNA
BE THE
EASIEST
WIN.



Fe~ringo!

techno!
techno!
techno!

MUSIC
START

COME
ON,
MUSIC
!

TWO
YOU'S...
THREE
I'S!
THE
GUY'S
CONFIDENT!!

I AM
GONNA
SHOW
YOU HOW
I DO THIS,
SO I
THINK YOU
SHOULD
PAY
ATTENTION.

leap!!

gasp!

THE
LEGEND
THAT WAS
LAST
UNLEASHED
SO MANY
YEARS AGO
AT CENTER-
GAI IN
SHIBUYA...

HERE
IT
COMES
...

WHA
--?!

stomp!

stomp!

WOW, A
GROWN
MAN IS
SAYING
"ACH-
HOOOO!"
BUT HOW
WILL
THIS ALL
TURN
OUT...?

stomp! stomp!

AT
LAST WE'RE
LIKE A REAL
MANGA! YOU
KNOW, DRAMA,
SPECIAL
FIGHTING
MOVES!! ALL
WE NEED NOW
ARE SOME
STORY ARCS,
AND
WE'RE
SET!!!

...THE
LONG-
HAIR'S
HYAKU-
RETSU
WILD
DANCE
!!!

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AMAZING!
IF THIS WERE
A SPORT
PEOPLE CARED
ABOUT, THEY'D
BE HUGGING
IN THE
BLEACHERS
...!

HEH...
IT'S
BEEN A
WHILE.
THAT
SCORE'S
ACTUALLY
BAD FOR
ME.

びんごおん
bing-booon!

HIGH SCORE
1ST 80050
2ND 70231
3RD 70058
4TH 69253
5TH 68821

WELL!
LOOKS
LIKE A
NEW
HIGH
SCORE
...!

WOW!

THAT'S
RIGHT!

WHAT'S
UP WITH
JAPANESE
KIDS THESE
DAYS? IT'S NOT
LIKE WE'RE
ASKING YOU TO
FLY INTO AN
AIRCRAFT
CARRIER.

カバンTV

...AND
THAT'S
TO NOT
EVEN
ATTEMPT
THIS
GAME!!

ONLY
ONE
WAY...

SHINJI,
YOU
CAN'T
LOSE
AGAINST
HIM...!

WE'RE
NOT
TRYING
TO MAKE
YOU FEEL
GUILTY...

GOOD! I
THINK IT'S
WORKING
!

BUT WE
ADULTS
HAVE
GONE TO
ALL THIS
EFFORT
TO DEMON-
STRATE
THESE
GAMES...

YEAH,
IT IS! I
HAVE THE
RIGHT
NOT TO
DO IT!

DESPITE
HIS
WHINING,
I'M WITH
SHINJI.

NOW,
SHINJI-
KUN,
I DON'T
REALLY
THINK NOT
PLAYING
IS AN
OPTION.

...YOU TOO WILL ONE DAY KNOW AOBA-KUN'S PAIN AND SELF-DELUSION. AND GOD HELP YOU, SHOULD YOU STILL BE DOING THIS AT 35 OR 40.

UNLESS, FOR MARKET-ING REASONS, YOU STAY ETERNALLY 19...

BUT THROUGH A TEENAGER'S EYES, HE'S A TWENTY-SOMETHING CREEP, TRYING TO IMPRESS YOU WITH HIS HIGH SCORES FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL.

ALL RIGHT, I'LL BE BLUNT. NO DOUBT AOBA-KUN LIKES TO THINK OF HIMSELF AS YOUNG, AND I SUPPOSE, IN A SENSE, HE IS.

KATSURAGI-SAN, I APPRECIATE YOUR ARGUING MY CASE, BUT THAT'S ENOUGH NOW.

MISATO, I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND, AND YET... MAYBE SOMEHOW I DO.

HE SEES YOUR SNARK AND THINKS, "AT LEAST IN SCHOOL I HAD FRIENDS!" BUT HIS PEERS ARE LONG SCATTERED. LIKE SO MANY ADULTS, HE GOES HOME ALONE...

SHINJI-KUN. AOBA HERE HAS REACHED DEEP INTO HIS HEART FOR YOU, AND YOU KIDS HAVE ANSWERED HIM WITH ONLY COLDNESS.

YEAH... YEAH, I SUPPOSE. SORRY ABOUT THAT.

CAN YOU UNDER-STAND HIS FEELINGS ...?

YOU'RE RIGHT! AOBA-KUN, I'M STILL FRESH AND GROWING, WHEREAS YOU'VE ALREADY BEGUN YOUR LONG DECAY! AND YET, ABOB UNITES US!

UM... THANKS-- NOT... AS WE USED TO SAY.

...YOU'RE BOTH GAMERS !!

SHINJI...ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS PLAY THE GAME, JUST AS HE DID. FOR DESPITE THE FACT YOU TWO CAN ONLY EVER TRULY BE CLOSE IN DOU-JINSHI...

7+!!-?
cha-ring!

MUSIC
START

EVERY-
ONE!
YOU
READY
?!

YEAH
!!

WELL,
UM, I
SUPPOSE
THAT'S
FINE...

...OKAY,
BUT WE'RE
GOING TO
ALLOW
OUR-
SELVES A
HANDICAP,
GOT
IT?!

...3
...4!

OKAY,
THIS IS A
LITTLE
UNFAIR.

2...

RIGHT.
SHINJI,
PRESS
2... THEN
NAGISA, 3
AND 4.

THE
CRANE GAME
BATTLE WAS
AS BORING
AS YOU
MIGHT
EXPECT, SO
WE'VE LEFT
IT OUT.

And
so

by making this into a manga that says to you what I'd say if I were a really positive American, you know, something like, "Hey brother, don't let it get you down!" And see how that works.



1P SELECT

Why is it just me?
Whenever I feel down
and out, whenever I fall
into the depression of
thinking, "Why'd I even
have to be born?" I'm
of the opinion that I
should really try to
combat that feeling

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EPISODE

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS
IN MIDSUMMER



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WITHOUT
FURTHER
ADD...

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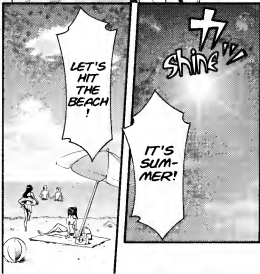


NAH!
LET'S STAY
INDOORS
DOING
STUFF
THAT AT
BEST IS
FORGOT-
TEN AS IT'S
HAPPEN-
ING!

LET'S
HIT
THE
BEACH
!

☆
shine

IT'S
SUM-
MER!





YOU'VE GOT TO MAINTAIN YOUR READINESS.

WHAT IF THE ANGELS DECIDE TO ATTACK DURING SUMMER VACATION ...?

yeah yeah 22

SO, WE'RE GOING TO SPEND THE SUMMER INSIDE, PLAYING GAMES?

HUH, DOES THAT WORK LIKE, STEPHEN KING'S THE TOMMY-KNOCKERS WILL CHILL YOU TO THE BONE! ...?



...SO NOW WE'RE GOING TO LEARN HOW TO STAY COOL IN SUMMER BY PLAYING TERRIFYING HORROR GAMES!



WHOEVER REGISTERS THE MOST FREAKOUTS WILL BE CROWNED THE CHICKEN KING!

ANYWAY, WE'RE GOING TO AFFIX THESE BRAIN WAVE MONITORS TO MEASURE YOUR FEAR...



I THOUGHT IT WAS ALWAYS SUMMER IN EVANGELION.

YEAH, AND HAVE YOU NOTICED THERE HASN'T BEEN ANY FAN SERVICE? WE'RE TRULY BREAKING NEW GROUND!



DID I SAY SOMETHING FUNNY? I ONLY SPOKE THE TRUTH...!

...HMPH! HEH, HEH!



WELL, PILOTS REQUIRE COURAGE, DON'T YOU SEE?

WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH OUR GAME TRAINING TO BE EVA PILOTS ...?

OKAY, THEN WHAT IS SHINJI DOING HERE ...?



UNLIKE
YOU,
WHEN I
CHOKE A
MOTHER-
FUCKER, I
FINISH THE
FUCKING
JOB!





Maybe there will
come a time when I
can look back fondly
as an adult on all
those days as a kid
when things seemed
so out of control.
This is a manga about
boys and girls in that
exact same situation.

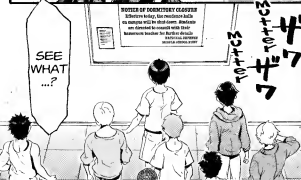
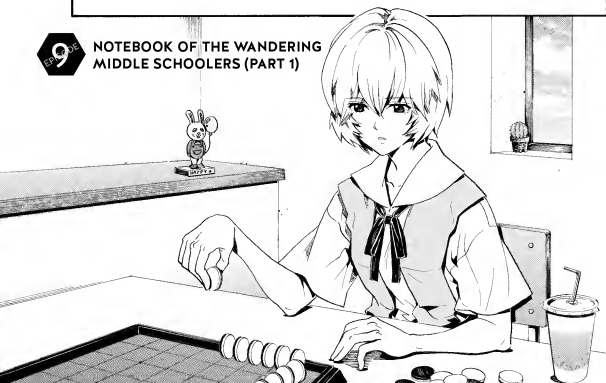


2P SELECT

There are some
days when I think
tomorrow can't come
any sooner, and there
are some days when I
hope that tomorrow
never comes at all.



NOTEBOOK OF THE WANDERING MIDDLE SCHOOLERS (PART 1)



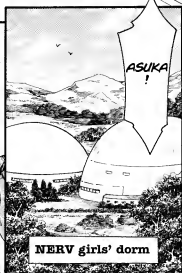
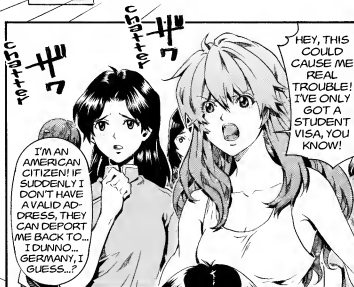
NOTICE OF DORMITORY CLOSURE

Effective today, the residence halls on campus will be shut down. Students are directed to consult with their homeroom teacher for further details.

NATIONAL DEFENSE
MIDDLE SCHOOL NERV

HUH
...?!

bam!
bam!
bam!



JUST
WHAT'S GOING
ON
HERE,
HUH...?

WHAT?
THE BOYS
ARE
GETTING
KICKED
OUT,
TOO...?

LET'S
GO
FIND
MI-
SATO-
SAN
...!







WAIT,
WHAT
...?

INDEED.
TO SAVE
CASH,
STUDENTS
AND
FACULTY
MUST LIVE
TOGETHER
FROM NOW
ON.

スィー
チキ

MISATO-
SAN,
YOU'VE
GOT A
NICE
APART-
MENT!!



YEAH,
BUT HOW
COOL
WOULD THAT
BE? HUNTING
FOR YOUR
FOOD,
SCRATCHING
AT BODY
LICE...



FINE,
THEN,
YOU'RE
FIRED.

ブーン

ブーン

UM,
PRINCI-
PAL,
THAT'S
ASKING
A LOT.

IS HE
CRAZY,
OR JUST A
TERMINAL
NARCIS-
SIST?



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フック

WAIT,
WHAT
...?

KATSU-
RAGI-KUN,
YOU'RE IN
CHARGE
OF THIS
ONE
AND... THAT
ONE.



D-
DAD
...?

... YOUR
OB-
JEC-
snort!



...?

I CAN
UNDER-
STAND
YOUR
OBJEC-
pfft...



≠ glare

AND
JUST SO IT
BE KNOWN,
I CANNOT,
AND WILL
NOT LIVE
UNDER THE
SAME ROOF
AS THIS
CRETIN...!

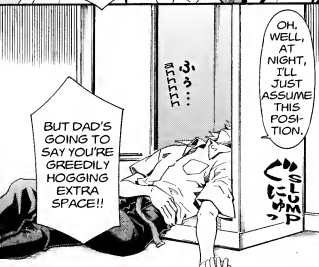
point!



DAD, HOW ABOUT YOU JUST PRETEND TO LIKE ME, AND I'LL PRETEND TO BELIEVE IT...?!

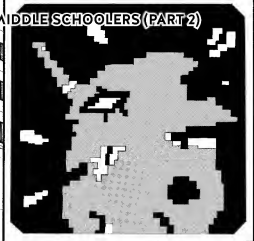
...YOUR OBJECTION. AFTER ALL, SHINJI'S EXTREMELY DISLIKED, AND-- guffaw!!





AY,
SORRY
'BOUT
PUTTIN'
YA OUT
LIKE DIS,
SENSEI.

WHILE
KATSURAGI
DEToured
TO THE DRY
CLEANERS,
THE FIRST
INSTRUCTOR
TO GET HER
STUDENTS
HOME WAS
IBUKI.



JUST
WHAT
DO YOU
TWO
THINK
YOU'RE
DOING
...?

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT IT...
IT'S A
SORT OF
RITUAL,
YOU MIGHT
SAY.

NO
PROB. YA
A CHICK,
RIGHT?
BET IT
SMELLS
REAL
NICE.

OH, I'M
SORRY
ABOUT HOW
MESSY IT
IS... I DIDN'T
HAVE
TIME TO
CLEAN MY
APARTMENT
BEFORE THE
ORDER CAME.

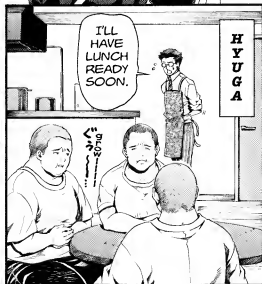
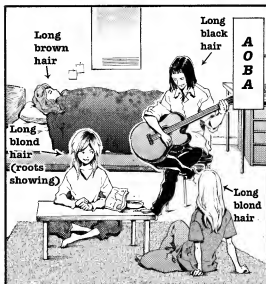


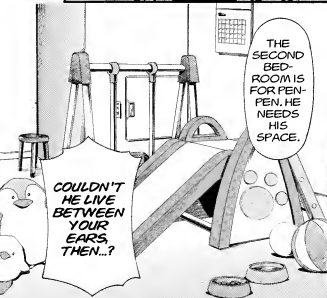
...WAIT
JUST A
SECOND--
MY
LAUNDRY'S
IN HERE
...!

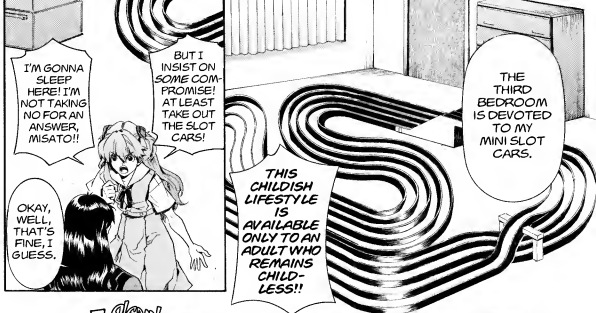
HORAKI-
SAN,
YOU CAN
USE MY
BED-
ROOM.

FOR THE
BOYS,
I'VE
GOT MY
SPARE
ROOM...









I'M GONNA SLEEP HERE! I'M NOT TAKING NO FOR AN ANSWER, MISATO!!

BUT I INSIST ON SOME COMPROMISE! AT LEAST TAKE OUT THE SLOT CARS!

THE THIRD BEDROOM IS DEVOTED TO MY MINI SLOT CARS.

OKAY, WELL, THAT'S FINE, I GUESS.

THIS CHILDISH LIFESTYLE IS AVAILABLE ONLY TO AN ADULT WHO REMAINS CHILD-LESS!!



...AND THE WINNER GETS TO KEEP THE ROOM, SHINJI!!!

HOW ABOUT YOU FIGHT THIS PEN-PEN DUDE SHE'S TALKING ABOUT...



MAYBE A TENT ON THE BALCONY?

BUT WHERE AM I GOING TO SLEEP...?

MISATO-SAN...!

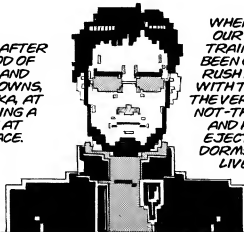


HE BEAT ME. I STARTED TO CRY. HE BEAT ME SOME MORE. AND YET, I AM CERTAIN I GAVE IT MY ALL THAT DAY.

WE HAD HEARD A LOT ABOUT THE UNKNOWN MYSTERIOUS LIFE FORMS WE WERE TRAINING AGAINST...BUT THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME I SAW ONE.



NEVERTHELESS, AFTER
A SHORT PERIOD OF
ADJUSTMENT AND
PENGUIN BEATDOWNS,
SHINJI AND ASUKA, AT
LEAST, ARE LIVING A
NORMAL LIFE AT
MISATO'S PLACE.



WHEN LAST WE LEFT
OUR EVA PILOTS (IN
TRAINING), THEY HAD
BEEN GIVEN THE BUM'S
RUSH BY GENDO IKARI.
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
THE VERY-SIMILAR-BUT-
NOT-THE-SAME KAWORU
AND REI, THEY WERE
EJECTED FROM THEIR
DORMS AND FORCED TO
LIVE OFF CAMPUS.

WHAT
AM I
DOING?!
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING...

...ASUKA,
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?
YOU'RE LOUD
FIRST THING
IN THE
MORNING...

A A G H H H H !

YEAH, NO
WORRIES
IF YOU
BURN
IT!!

LIKE
I'M EVER
GONNA
USE THAT
AGAIN,
YOU DE-
PRAVED
PER-
VERT!!!

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S-SORRY.
GUESS I
WAS
STILL
HALF
ASLEEP.
BUT NO
WORRIES.

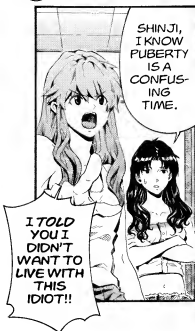
HERE.
IT'S
LATHER-
ED UP
AND
READY
TO GO.

ト!! shock!
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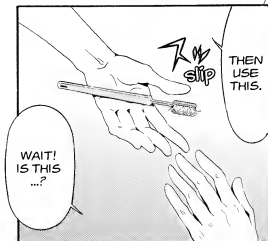
HUH?

YUK!

...WITH
MY
TOOTH-
BRUSH
?!?







shock!

I...
I'M
NEVER
GONNA
GET TO
TRIP AND
FALL ON
ANYBODY
...?!

so
that
it...

IT'S
JUST
THAT WE
LACK
REGULAR
FAN
SERVICE
IN THIS
MANGA.

IN THE
ABSENCE OF
THE NORMAL,
HEALTHY
GROPINGS AND
FLASHINGS
PEOPLE EXPECT,
WE HAVE
DEGENERATED
INTO
TOOTHBRUSH
FETISHISTS.

HUH.
HUH.
HUH.
HUH.
HUH...

sparkle

AND
WHEN
DID YOU
GET
HERE,
ANYWAY
?

KAWORU-
KUN! HOW
DO YOU
FEEL
ABOUT
TOOTH-
BRUSHES
...?

SO YOU'VE
JUST
DECIDED
TO LET
YOURSELF
IN, AS
WELL
...?

HEY
...!

zoom

YOU'RE
LOUD
FIRST
THING
IN THE
MORN-
ING.

shimmer

DON'T
TELL ME
THAT YOU
WALKED ALL
OVER MY
FLOOR WITH
YOUR SHOES
LIKE REI...!

IT'S
ME!

YEAH, WE
KNOW IT'S
YOU!!







NO WAY!
LET'S GET
SHINJI TO
CHECK!

MISATO,
YOU'RE
RESPON-
SIBLE
FOR OUR
SAFETY!
CHECK
WHO IT
IS!

YEAH!
IT'S YOUR
CHANCE
TO
REDEEM
YOUR-
SELF!

OH, MY
GOD ...

...OH,
MY
GOD!

...MISATO,
THERE'S
SOME-
ONE
THERE
!!



IT'S ALSO
YOUR
CHANCE
TO SURVIVE
THE NEXT
THREE
SECONDS.

WHY
ME
...?

WELL,
OKAY
THEN.

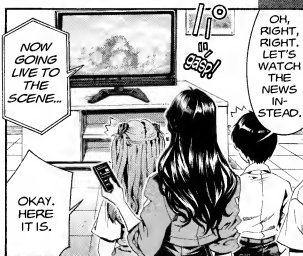
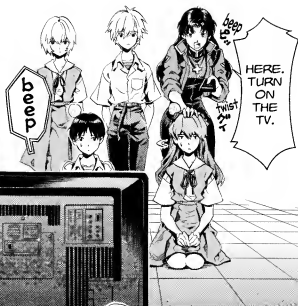
WHO
IS IT?
WHO...?!

...!

EVERYONE
THEN
PROCEEDED
TO HOLD
THEIR
BREATH AND
PRETEND
THAT THEY
WEREN'T
HOME.

YOU'RE
LOUD
FIRST
THING
IN THE
MORNING.





I
DON'T
NEED
TO
TELL
YOU
WHAT
THIS
MEANS...

...
WREAK-
ING
DESTRUCTION
IN ITS
PATH!!

...AND
HAS
MADE ITS
WAY TO
WARABI IN
SAITAMA
...

IT
FIRST
APPEARED
AT
KOSHIGAYA-
LAKETOWN
STATION
...

WAIT...
WAIT...
NO, IT
WOULDN'T
...

LOOK AT
THE MAP!
IT'S GOING
TO MISS
US BY 40
KILO-
METERS...!

...IT'LL
HEAD
RIGHT
FOR
NERV
ACA-
DEMY
!!

IF IT
CONTINUES
ALONG
THIS
VECTOR...

ta-daaa!

shing!

COME
ON! I
MEAN,
HOW
COULD
IT NOT
?

I
SAID,
IT'LL
HEAD
RIGHT
FOR
NERV
ACA-
DEMY
!!

ASUKA!
I'M
RIGHT,
AREN'T
I?

...



...IS THE
EVANGE-
LION.

THE
ONLY
HOPE
NOW...



OUR
WEAP-
ONS...
THEY'RE
USELESS
!!

SHINJI-
KUN,
LOOK AT
THE TV.
OUR
WEAPONS
ARE
USELESS.



YES...



THE
PEOPLE
OF THIS
WORLD...
EVERYONE...
WILL BE
SAVED BY
YOUR
HANDS!!

...THE
VERY
THING YOU
HAVE BEEN
TRAINING
FOR AS
PILOTS.



YES.

IT
APPEARS
THIS
TIME HAS
ARRIVED
AT LAST.



I MEAN,
EVERYONE
WITH THE
EXCEP-
TION OF
THE
PILOTS.

sigh





SHINJI!

IT'S A
T-SHIRT.
PLEASE.
JUST
LOOK.

LOOK
AT IT,
OKAY
...?

ARE
YOU
SERIOUS,
RITSU-
KO-SAN
?!
glenn

NO.
YOU'RE
IMAGIN-
ING
THINGS.



AND THE
SHORTS
DON'T
EVEN
MATCH!

LOOK,
JUST
ADMIT
IT'S A
T-SHIRT
AND I'LL
GET IN
THE
ROBOT
ALREADY!

SHINJI-
KUN, WE
HAVE NO
TIME TO
DISCUSS
THIS!

YES
IT IS!
glenn

RITSUKO
IS RIGHT.
THAT'S
NOT A
T-SHIRT.

LOOK!
HERE'S
THE TAG!
"100%
COTTON"
!!!



HOW
SELF-
ISH...

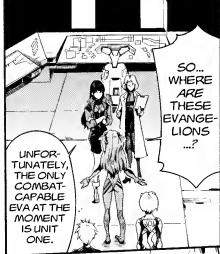
THE
PILOT
IS
USE-
LESS.

I'M
GONNA
SIT
HERE
UNTIL
YOU SAY
IT!!

IN A
T-SHIRT,
RIGHT?
WHILE
WEARING
A T-SHIRT
?!
glenn

...THE
FUTURE
OF
HUMAN-
ITY
!!
tut tut

SHINJI-
KUN! THIS
IS ABOUT
SOMETHING
MUCH MORE
IMPOR-
TANT
THAN YOUR
CLOTHES!
YOU MUST
FIGHT TO
SECURE...

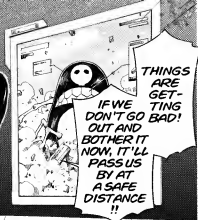


SO...
WHERE
ARE
THESE
EVANGELIONS
...?

UNFOR-
TUNATELY,
THE ONLY
COMBAT-
CAPABLE
EVA AT THE
MOMENT
IS UNIT ONE.



RIGHT!
LET'S
START
SOME
SHIT!!



IF WE
DON'T GO
OUT AND
BOTHER IT
NOW, IT'LL
PASS US
BY AT A
SAFE
DISTANCE
!!

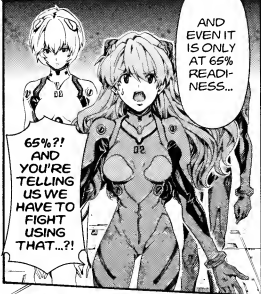
THINGS
ARE
GET-
TING
BAD!



DON'T
LOOK
AT MY
ASS!

SO
WHO
WILL
GO...?

IT'S
FIRMLY
ON THE
FLOOR! NO
PLUGSUITS,
A TWO-
THIRDS-
FINISHED
EVA...?!



AND
EVEN IT
IS ONLY
AT 65%
READI-
NESS...

65%?!
AND
YOU'RE
TELLING
US WE
HAVE TO
FIGHT
USING
THAT...?!



7"
dash

IF I'M
GONNA
DIE...I'M
GONNA
DIE
FIGHT-
ING!!



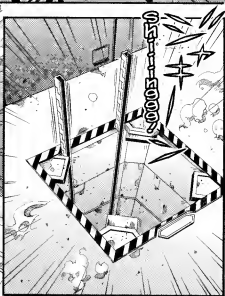
Whir! / T"
LIKE
MISATO
SAID, THIS
IS WHAT
ALL THIS
STUPID
TRAINING
HAS BEEN
FOR...!

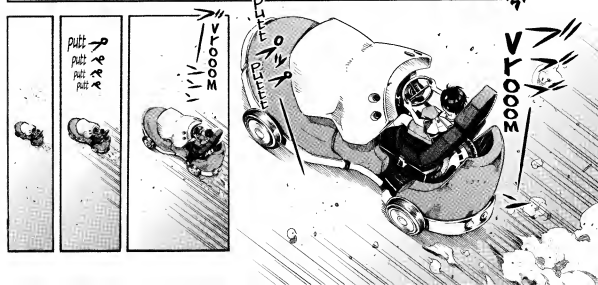
FINE,
THEN
I'LL
GO!

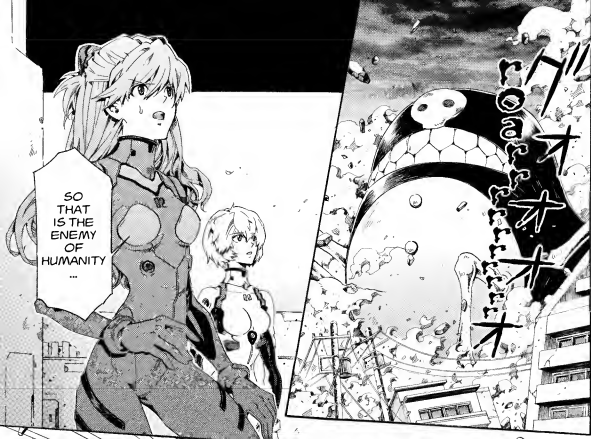
ASUKA
...











SO
THAT
IS THE
ENEMY
OF
HUMANITY



...IS
EVA
UNIT
ONE!!

AND
THAT...



UM...
WHY DO
YOU
KEEP
SHIFTING
THE
DECIMAL
POINT
...?

THAT'S
RIGHT! IT
MAY BE
0.65%
COM-
PLETED,
BUT YOU
CAN DO IT,
SHINJI!

YET
EVEN IF IT'S
ONLY 6.5%
COMPLETE,
YOUR
PILOTING
SKILL CAN
MAKE THE
DIFFER-
ENCE!

SHINJI-
KUN,
REMEMBER
THAT UNIT
ONE'S
COMPLE-
TION
RATE IS
ONLY
65%!



...JESUS!
ALL YOU
DID IS PUT
SOME
WHEELS
ONTO ONE
OF ITS
FEET!!!

300000000



OKAY, SHINJI-KUN, THE THING ABOUT THAT IS...

...THE WEAPON SYSTEMS MIGHT BE DESCRIBED AS UNCONVENTIONAL! PERHAPS EVEN UNORTHODOX!

WELL, WHATEVER THEY ARE, WHAT ARE THEY ...?

SHINJI-KUN...

THE POWER THAT SAYS YOU WON'T LOSE...YOU CAN'T LOSE! THAT YOU SHALL PLANT THE SEEDS OF HOPE FOR TOMORROW !!

ONCE AGAIN, MISATO, NOT ASKING YOU.

RITSUKO! TELL ME WHAT TO DO! AND SOMEBODY, PLEASE CUT MISATO'S MIC!!!

...DRAWING FROM THE POWER WITHIN YOUR HEART, WEAPONIZE THE ENERGY THAT FLOWS FORTH IN A WELLSPRING!

CHARGE YOUR ENEMIES HEAD ON! STRIKE KNOWING YOUR SACRIFICE WILL PROTECT KAWORU'S GENTLE SMILE, ASUKA'S DISDAINFUL STARE, REI'S BARELY PERCEPTIBLE SMIRK...

Shiinnnnngg!!

shine!!



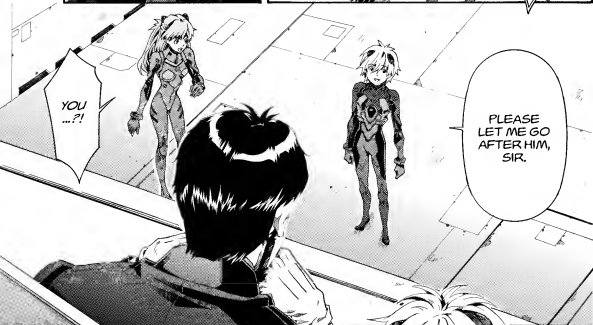
PRINCIPAL!



MISATO,
JUST
BECAUSE I
DON'T WANT
TO DIE, IT
DOESN'T
MEAN I
WANT BAKA
SHINJI TO!

HUH
...?

~~~~~



YOU  
...?!

PLEASE  
LET ME GO  
AFTER HIM,  
SIR.



HOW  
RIDICULOUS TO  
EVEN ASK. LIKE  
HE'LL INDULGE  
THE WHIMS OF  
CHILDISH  
SENTIMENTALITY...

THEN  
GO  
AFTER  
HIM,  
NAGISA.

...THAT  
I WOULD  
BE THERE  
FOR HIM  
ALWAYS...  
AND THAT  
I WOULD  
SAVE  
HIM.

I  
MADE A  
PROMISE  
TO  
SHINJI-  
KUN...

I  
DON'T  
MIND AT  
ALL.

ARE YOU  
SURE  
ABOUT THIS,  
IKARI?! YOU  
CAN'T BE  
SERIOUS!

WAIT!  
KA-  
WORU-  
KUN...?

SHINJI-  
KUN,  
NAGISA-  
KUN'S  
HEADING  
OUT NOW  
TO HELP  
YOU!  
  
UNTIL  
HE GETS  
THERE,  
YOU MUST  
KEEP  
RUNNING  
AWAY!

YES,  
SIR!

KATSU-  
RAGI-  
KUN!

FOR  
YOU,  
SHINJI-  
KUN.

thoom

YES,  
I'M  
GOING  
NOW.

thoom

whooooosh!

oooooooooooo

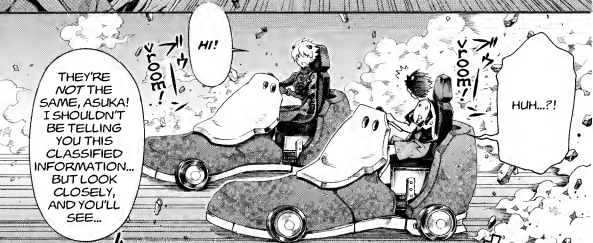


ALL  
YOU'VE  
DONE  
NOW IS  
DOUBLE  
THE  
NUMBER  
OF  
TARGETS  
!!

WAIT,  
WHAT?  
IT'S  
THE  
EXACT  
SAME  
THING  
!!

okay!  
okay!

EVA  
UNIT  
ONE...  
LAUNCH  
!!



THEY'RE  
NOT THE  
SAME, ASUKA!  
I SHOULDN'T  
BE TELLING  
YOU THIS  
CLASSIFIED  
INFORMATION...  
BUT LOOK  
CLOSELY,  
AND YOU'LL  
SEE...

HI!!

BOOOOM!!

BOOOOM!!

HUH...?!



WHY  
AM I  
SMARTER  
THAN THE  
ADULTS  
HERE  
...?

...

0.65  
PLUS 0.65  
EQUALS  
1.30% OF  
A MIGHTY  
FINE  
FIGHTING  
MACHINE,  
RITSUKO-  
SAN!!

WELL,  
LET'S  
SEE,  
THEN  
!

...SHINJI-  
KUN IS  
IN EVA  
UNIT  
ONE'S  
LEFT  
FOOT...  
...NAGISA-  
KUN IS  
IN THE  
RIGHT  
!!



UM...  
DO YOU  
HAVE ANY  
CONSTRUCTIVE  
SUGGESTIONS  
...?



...HERE  
WE GO,  
SHINJI-  
KUN!



I  
KNOW IT'S  
KIND OF  
LOUD, SO  
MAYBE YOU  
DIDN'T  
HEAR! DO  
YOU HAVE  
ANY CON-  
STRUCTIVE  
SUGGES-  
TIONS...?

SHINJI-  
KUN,  
WE GET  
IN SYNC  
WITH  
EACH  
OTHER...

...AND  
THEN WE  
BELIEVE IN  
OURSELVES  
...AND IN THE  
EVANGE-  
LION!



QUICK!  
USE THE  
RUBBLE  
FOR A RAMP  
!

IT'S GON-  
NA FIRE  
AGAIN !

EH  
...?

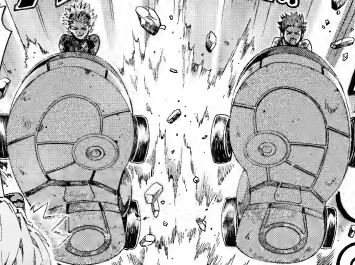


KA-  
WORU-  
KUN!  
LOOK  
OUT!!

**YEAHHHH!!**

ENGLISH  
SOUND FX? IN  
MY MANGA?!  
IF I WANTED  
SOME  
SUPERHERO  
SHIT, I'D  
READ A  
COMIC  
BOOK!!!

**B  
G  
O  
O  
N**



IKARI,  
THIS IS  
USE-  
LESS.

YES,  
RATHER  
DON  
MARTIN,  
I  
SHOULD  
SAY.

AND "BOG-  
OON"  
?  
THAT'S MORE  
MAD  
MAGAZINE  
THAN  
MARVEL  
COMICS.

**! "† -**  
**shing!**

**BOOOOON~**

**YEAHHHH!!**

**grip!**



YES,  
SIR.

REI.  
TIME TO  
DEPLOY  
EVA UNIT  
ZERO.





"AT ALL COSTS"?!  
YOU SENT  
IT OUT ON  
A SUICIDE  
MISSION!!

IT'S  
IN ORDER  
TO SAVE  
UNIT ONE...  
WHICH  
MUST BE  
PRO-  
TECTED  
AT ALL  
COSTS.

35%  
?!  
WHAT  
IS IT,  
THE  
EVANGE-  
LION'S  
TOE-  
NAIL  
...?!



I KNOW  
YOU'RE  
CRAZY,  
IKARI...BUT  
EVA UNIT  
ZERO IS  
ONLY 35%  
COMPLETE!



WAIT--  
AYA-  
NAMI,  
TOO  
...?

SHINJI-KUN,  
NAGISA-  
KUN...REI'S  
HEADING  
OUT NOW  
TO HELP  
YOU! DON'T  
GET KILLED  
UNTIL  
THEN!

NO, SIR, I  
CAN  
MAKE  
THIS  
WORK.

REI,  
ANY  
PROB-  
LEMS  
...?

キヤン  
whissshhh!

ブー  
BOOOOOO

UNIT  
0.35%...

LAUNCH!

lub-  
dup

lub-  
dup



...?!

blink

DO YOU  
GUYS NOT  
EVEN  
UNDER-  
STAND  
HOW  
PERCENT-  
AGES  
WORK  
...?!

whoosh

COM-  
BINE?  
HOW?

SHINJI-KUN,  
NAGISA-KUN...  
COMBINE  
WITH UNIT  
ZERO!

READY  
FOR  
LINK-  
UP!

OKAY!  
INITIAL-  
IZING  
EXTERNAL  
LINK  
CONNEC-  
TORS!

beep  
beep  
beep

CODE  
1919!

GOT  
IT!

KATSU-  
RAGI-  
KUN...  
CODE  
1919!





...Kaworu...  
Nagisa...

Kaworu...

...AND  
CATS  
DON'T  
PARTICU-  
LARLY LIKE  
TO HANG  
OUT IN  
GROUPS  
?

UM,  
DOGS  
LIKE TO  
GROUP  
TOGETH-  
ER...

...do you  
know the  
difference  
between  
a dog and  
a cat?

Shinji-  
kun...

While their  
class, order,  
and phylum  
are the same,  
they're from  
different  
families.

No, that's  
not it.  
Something  
else.

...when  
offered as  
part of a  
midyear  
ham gift  
set.

I believe  
that when  
I met you,  
I first  
began to  
understand  
things.

The way  
the  
chashu-  
cooked  
pork might  
feel...

HUH  
...?



...Then at the same time, I wonder if...

...If there was some way I could liberate you all from that...

The despair, and the sadness, that burdens the spirit of humanity ...



And that is how I feel. What about you, Shinji-kun...?

...it'd be like sawing off the first floor of a double-decker bus.



Sorry. I'm just trying to look tough.

Heh, heh. I knew you'd say something like that, Shinji-kun.

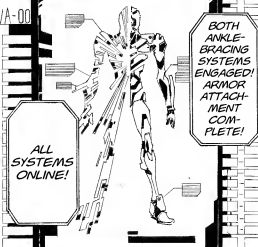


...THE BUS WOULD HAVE TO BE TWICE AS LONG TO MAKE UP FOR IT...?

BUT, KAWORU-KUN... WOULDN'T THAT MEAN THEN, THAT...



EVA-00



Shiiiiing!

Result  
**100% MAX**

WELL,  
SUPPOSEDLY  
165%, BUT I  
GUESS YOU'VE  
GOT TO WORK  
ON ADDITION  
BEFORE YOU  
GET TO  
PERCENTAGES!!



35%

...THE  
EVANGELION  
IS 100%  
COMPLETE  
!!

Whoa!

65%

65%

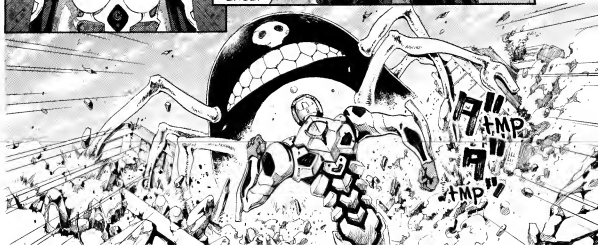


YES!  
YES!  
YES,  
SIRS!

DEMON-  
STRATE  
THE  
IMPOR-  
TANCE OF  
HUMAN  
EXIST-  
ENCE!



REI...  
FINISH THIS  
BEFORE WE  
SUCCUMB  
TO FURTHER  
DAMAGE...  
OR ANY  
MORE  
VICTIMS  
ARE PRO-  
DUCED!





HOW DO YOU MEAN THAT QUESTION ...?

AND WHAT'S AN A.T. FIELD ...?

Shinji!

F W I D D D D !

...AN A.T. FIELD ?!

SCI-ENTIFI-CALLY! JESUS !

Like, what does it mean, to be human ...?

...SCI-ENTIFI-CALLY?

...OR PHILO-SOPHI-CALLY?

WELL, LOOKS LIKE THE SHOE STRAP CAME LOOSE ON HUMANITY'S LAST HOPE!



IS THERE A POINT OF DIMINISHING RETURNS IN EDUCATION, DR. AKAGI? MAYBE I SHOULD QUIT MIDDLE SCHOOL WHILE I'M AHEAD.

And what if we're all just characters in a manga ...?

Sigh...

IT'S A VERY, VERY HARD BARRIER.

I WILL ATTEMPT TO EXPLAIN IN A MANNER THAT YOU'LL UNDERSTAND.

ta-daaa!

AND SHINJI, TOO! BUT HOW...?!

THE TRANS-FER STUDENT! HE'S ALIVE !!

step

...THE A.T. FIELD IS A WALL IN ONE'S HEART!

...?!?

I  
SUPPOSE IF  
I HAD BEEN  
WEARING JUST  
A T-SHIRT, IT  
WOULD HAVE  
BEEN MY  
ARMS RIPPED  
OFF  
INSTEAD!

THE  
EVA'S TOES  
TORE AWAY  
THE SLEEVES  
OF MY PLUG-  
SUIT, AND I  
POPPED  
LOOSE LIKE  
A GRAPE  
SEED!

CAN I  
PLEASE  
HAVE A  
PLUGSUIT  
NEXT  
TIME...?!

IS THERE  
REALLY  
SUCH A  
THING AS  
AN "INDEX  
TOE"?

WELL,  
AS LUCK  
WOULD  
HAVE IT,  
I SLID  
BETWEEN  
THE BIG  
TOE AND  
THE INDEX  
TOE!

YOU  
BROUGHT  
IT UP,  
NOT HIM  
!!

...WELL?

SO ANYWAY!  
WHAT WAS  
THAT ABOUT  
THE A.T. FIELD  
BEING A WALL  
IN ONE'S  
HEART OR  
WHATEVER..?

IT'S  
ALL  
ABOUT  
...YOUR  
FEEL-  
INGS  
!

WOULD  
FEELING  
ANGRY  
HELP,  
MISATO?  
BECAUSE  
I'VE GOT  
THAT DOWN  
PAT!

PERHAPS  
THERE IS  
A WAY...  
BUT NOT  
WITH  
ORDI-  
NARY  
WEAPONS  
!

HOW  
?

...AND IT'S  
IN ONE'S  
HEART...  
THEN HOW  
ARE WE  
SUPPOSED  
TO BREAK  
IT?

IF  
IT'S A  
HARD  
BAR-  
RIER...

DRAGON  
PUNCH!!



MISATO-SAN...DESPITE MY CYNICISM, I UNDERSTAND! I DO UNDERSTAND THE VALUE OF GOING OUT THERE AND EXPRESSING HUMAN FEELINGS...

NO, ASUKA! I MEAN EMPATHY... COMPASSION!

THE A.T. FIELD IS A WALL IN THE HEART...BUT LOVE CAN LEAP OVER IT...PASS THROUGH IT!

ばば-  
muuhhhh

...REI!  
WE'RE  
SENDING  
YOU SOME  
SUPPORT  
!!

...BUT  
WE'RE  
TALKING  
ABOUT  
AYANAMI  
!!

OH,  
SHIT!  
YOU'RE  
RIGHT  
!!!

☆  
skam!

...CAKE  
ALONE  
SAYS,  
"I HAVE  
A  
RIGHT  
TO BE  
HERE  
..."

NO!  
WE  
MUST  
TRUST  
IN  
CAKE  
!

FOR  
CAKE  
ALONE  
CAN  
AFFIRM  
THEIR  
EXISTENCE...

☆  
chakk!

WOULDN'T  
A GUN BE  
MORE  
USEFUL  
AT A  
MOMENT  
LIKE  
THIS...?

WE'RE  
GOING TO  
CELE-  
BRATE!  
CELEBRATE  
THAT WE  
ALL WERE  
BORN  
TOGETHER  
INTO THIS  
WORLD!!

FROM  
...MY  
HEART  
...?

PRaise  
IT, REI!  
MAKE IT  
FEEL  
GOOD  
ABOUT  
ITSELF!

REACH  
OUT!  
SAY THE  
WORDS  
FROM  
YOUR  
HEART...

IS  
THIS  
THE  
PLAN  
...?

REI,  
DON'T  
RUSH  
THIS!  
TAKE IT  
SLOWLY  
!

HIDE  
THE CAKE  
BEHIND  
YOU...AND  
AT THE  
RIGHT  
MOMENT...  
PRESENT  
IT! TURN  
AN ENEMY  
INTO A  
FRIEND!

GREAT  
JOB,  
REI!  
THAT'S  
IT! LIKE  
THAT  
!!

NO,  
SERIOUSLY.  
THIS  
IS THE  
PLAN...?

YOU OUT  
THERE...TO  
ME YOU'RE  
LIKE...SOME  
BIG,  
BEAUTIFUL...  
BALEEN  
WHALE  
SPIDER...

SO  
WHAT  
NOW...?

THE A.T.  
FIELD IS  
WEAKEN-  
ING! I CAN  
SEE IT  
KINDA  
SORTA!

It's  
True!

NOW...  
WE  
PRESENT  
THE  
CAKE!!

REI, THAT  
SOUL  
YOU'VE  
KEPT  
SO  
QUIET...

...NOW'S  
THE  
TIME TO  
LET IT  
SHINE.

GO  
FOR  
IT!



BUT GIVEN  
THE UNYIELDING  
ATTACKS OF  
THE EVA, THE  
CREATURE HAS  
EVIDENTLY  
RETURNED TO  
WHEREVER  
THE HELL IT  
CAME FROM.  
THAT'S  
GOOD, IT WAS A  
CLOSE ONE.

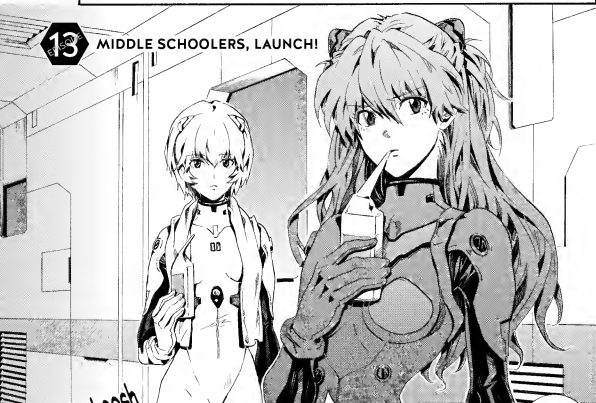
**SUMMARY OF  
EVENTS: THE  
APPEARANCE  
OF A  
MYSTERIOUS  
GIGANTIC  
LIFE FORM  
HAS THROWN  
ALL OF  
JAPAN  
INTO A  
STATE OF  
PANIC!**



**DIAGRAM 1: MYSTERIOUS GIGANTIC LIFE FORM  
IN THE COURSE OF RETURNING HOME**

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## MIDDLE SCHOOLERS, LAUNCH!

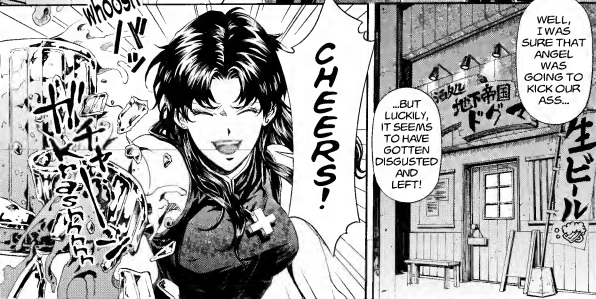


whoosh

# CHURCHES

WELL,  
I WAS  
SURE THAT  
ANGEL  
WAS  
GOING TO  
KICK OUR  
ASS...

...BUT  
LUCKILY,  
IT SEEMS  
TO HAVE  
GOTTEN  
DISGUSTED  
AND  
LEFT!





UNTIL THE TWEET-STORM DIES DOWN, WE'D BEST NOT. THAT'S WHY I MADE OUR DINNER RESERVATIONS UNDER "VERN."

NAH. WE SHOULD LET THE PUBLIC SEE OUR HEROES!

YEAH.

...COULDN'T YOU HAVE ALLOWED US EVEN FIVE MINUTES TO CHANGE OUT OF THESE?



I WAS READY FOR DEATH THE MOMENT THEY GAVE ME THIS T-SHIRT.

YEAH, BUT SERIOUSLY, I AM SURPRISED YOU'RE STILL ALIVE.



YES, SIR.

TOMORROW, WE'LL HAVE A COUNTER-MEASURES MEETING FIRST THING.

Kah... and milk



THE CHOP-STICKS OF NICODEMUS, A SACRED RELIC! SEE, HE OWNED THE UPPER ROOM...

hah! haw! haw! haw!

...OKAY! SO THIS IS THE ANGEL! HOW ABOUT NEXT TIME, I GET THE EVA SOME GIANT CHOP-STICKS!

MISATO, YOU'RE DRUNK AS HELL.



YEAH!

THE CAKE WORKED! I KNEW IT WOULD!

BUT IT DIDN'T EVEN GET PAST THE--



KAWORU-KUN, WE ALSO HAVE FORKS AND SPOONS...

I'D LIKE A STRAW AND SOME MENTAICO, PLEASE!



MORE BEER, OKAY?

SHE'S HOPELESS.



HAVEN'T YOU HEARD WE'RE THE NEW GENERATION...?

THIS IS MY ORIGINALITY SHINING THROUGH!



SHINJI-KUN, I KNOW EVERYONE IS USING THE PROPER UTENSILS...

...BUT MY REASONS ARE MY OWN.



YOU'RE TOO PURE FOR THIS WORLD, KAWORU-KUN.

HERE, I'LL GENTLY CUP AND SQUEEZE THESE EGGS WHILE YOU TAKE A LONG SUCK.



THERE'S NO REASON TO CONFINE YOURSELF TO THE SO-CALLED "COMMON SENSE" OF OUR ELDERS...

WELL, I JUST... UH, NO THANKS--



IT  
HAPPENS  
TO  
EVERYONE  
THEIR  
FIRST  
TIME...!

THAT'S  
SOME  
SERIOUS  
ROE,  
MAN...!!

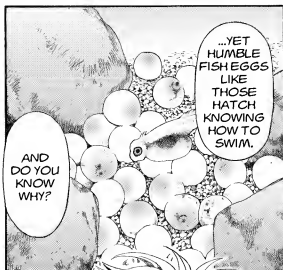
KOFF!  
KOFF  
!!



n n n g h h

BUT  
STILL  
...HE  
GAVE  
IT A  
TRY.

OH,  
JESUS!  
DO I  
HAVE  
TO  
SEE  
THIS?!



AND  
DO YOU  
KNOW  
WHY?

...YET  
HUMBLE  
FISH EGGS  
LIKE  
THOSE  
HATCH  
KNOWING  
HOW TO  
SWIM.



JUST LIKE  
ANYTHING  
ELSE,  
EXPERIENCE  
IS THE KEY.  
HUMANS  
NEED TO  
LEARN SO  
MUCH...



Isn't  
that  
so  
...?!

KAWORU-  
KUN, I  
NEVER HAVE  
ANY IDEA  
WHERE  
YOU'RE GOING  
WITH  
WHATEVER  
YOU BRING  
UP!

YES...  
BY MEN  
LIKE US,  
SHINJI-  
KUN.



WHY?

IS IT  
BECAUSE  
IF THEY  
DON'T,  
THEY'LL  
GET  
EATEN  
...?









*See you in volume 2, baby...!*

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## Greetings from Yukito—perpetually paralyzed with shyness.

Hello, everyone. I'm the person that was tasked with drawing this, Yukito.

You may have read some of the earlier *Eva* stories Kawata-san and I did in *Evangelion Comic Tribute* [also available from Dark Horse—ed.]. Now we've been given this opportunity to do *Legend of the Piko Piko Middle School Students*, a whole new manga series on the “*Eva* meets gaming” theme . . . and you've just read volume 1. What did you think?

People know that when *Evangelion* first hit the airwaves in 1995, it sparked a social phenomenon. However, that was when I was still in grade school. We only got a few channels on our TV at home, and furthermore, there wasn't even a video rental shop in my area! The upshot is that I'm one of those people who didn't actually get to see the anime until the twenty-first century rolled around. Before that, I only knew the series through the Kadokawa film comics of the anime—which I would buy with the money I got for New Year's—and through Yoshiyuki Sadamoto's *Evangelion* manga—which my parents bought for me, and which I would read countless times.

What you see in the front cover art for *Piko Piko* is me trying to channel all the love I got from reading those *Evangelion* books as a teenager. However, the things that make *this Evangelion* book wonderful are no credit to me, but rather to my wonderful writer, Kawata-san. We both hope to see you here again for volume 2.

—Grandchild of their grandma, Yukito.



ILLUSTRATOR

**YUKITO**

Favorite Angel: 5th

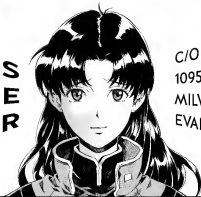


SCENARIO

**YUSHI KAWATA**

Favorite plan: Operation Yashima

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Welcome to our new *Evangelion* manga series . . . which of course means once again we're reserving a space right here for you, the reader, in Misato's Fan Service Center—this is where we'd like to see your letters, comments, fan art, and cosplay photos, as long as they're *Eva* related! Send in your contributions to the address above, and if they include image files, please try to give us the highest quality version you have (300 dpi and above) so it'll look great in print!

In the meantime, if you're hungry for the latest in *Evangelion* information, I'd like to highly recommend you check out Aaron Clark's *Eva Monkey* channel on YouTube (whose logo is on the next page). You might be familiar with his *Evangelion* panels at Otakon; he's also the person who produced the *Eva* update video shown at the Dark Horse *Evangelion* panel in 2015.

One of the things that set *Eva Monkey* apart from other online info sources is that Aaron doesn't just repeat the same old rumors

and stories; he puts in the research to get the truth. For example, we all know *Evangelion* was referenced in the film *One Hour Photo*, starring the late Robin Williams, but how and why did it happen? *Eva Monkey* sought out and interviewed the Grammy Award-winning writer and director of *One Hour Photo*, Mark Romanek, to get the real story!

We hope to see you soon at an anime con in 2017 . . . and as always, we'll look forward to hearing from you in Misato's Fan Service Center!

—CGH





I started EvaMonkey.com fifteen years ago, during the earliest years of my *Evangelion* fandom. At the time, there was no tetralogy of films reimagining the original TV series. There was only one manga series, which was midway through its fourteen-volume run. And the films *Death & Rebirth* and *The End of Evangelion* had not yet been released domestically. It's an achievement that after two decades, *Evangelion* has not only remained culturally relevant, but has grown beyond the original series into a tremendous multimedia franchise.

In the fifteen years since I began working on Eva Monkey, we've seen the rise of social media, web video, and crowdfunding. Fan sites are all but a thing of the past, so I'm proud to still be around and to have more or less kept up with the trends.

Before the first episode of *Evangelion* had aired, writer and director Hideaki Anno shared a quote in the afterword of the first volume of Yoshiyuki Sadamoto's *Neon Genesis Evangelion* manga, stating that "to live is to change." For my part, I've changed my focus with Eva Monkey over the past year to producing video content for YouTube. I've been pleasantly surprised at the level of interest in a channel devoted solely to *Evangelion*-related content.

My desire is to explore the many facets of the ever-expanding *Evangelion* franchise and its fandom, including news, reviews, interviews, analysis, visual essays, convention panels, and more. I hope you'll check out what I have to offer, and look forward to what I have planned for the future.

-Aaron Clark, EvaMonkey.com



# READY PLAYER UNIT ONE!

How do you train Shinji, Rei, Asuka and Kaworu to be pilots when the Angels are headed for Tokyo-3, but the Evangelion isn't finished yet? Gendo has a plan so crazy it just might work . . . Get them to practice fighting by using something middle schoolers are already good at . . . video games! But what if the plan doesn't work? No problem—at least it'll still be crazy!

Running in Kadokawa's *Young Ace* magazine (the home of Yoshiyuki Sadamoto's original *Evangelion* manga), *Legend of the Piko Piko Middle School Students* has become a new favorite for *Eva* fans in Japan, with over 600,000 copies in print! The *Evangelion* legend continues with the release of the new movies through Funimation!



